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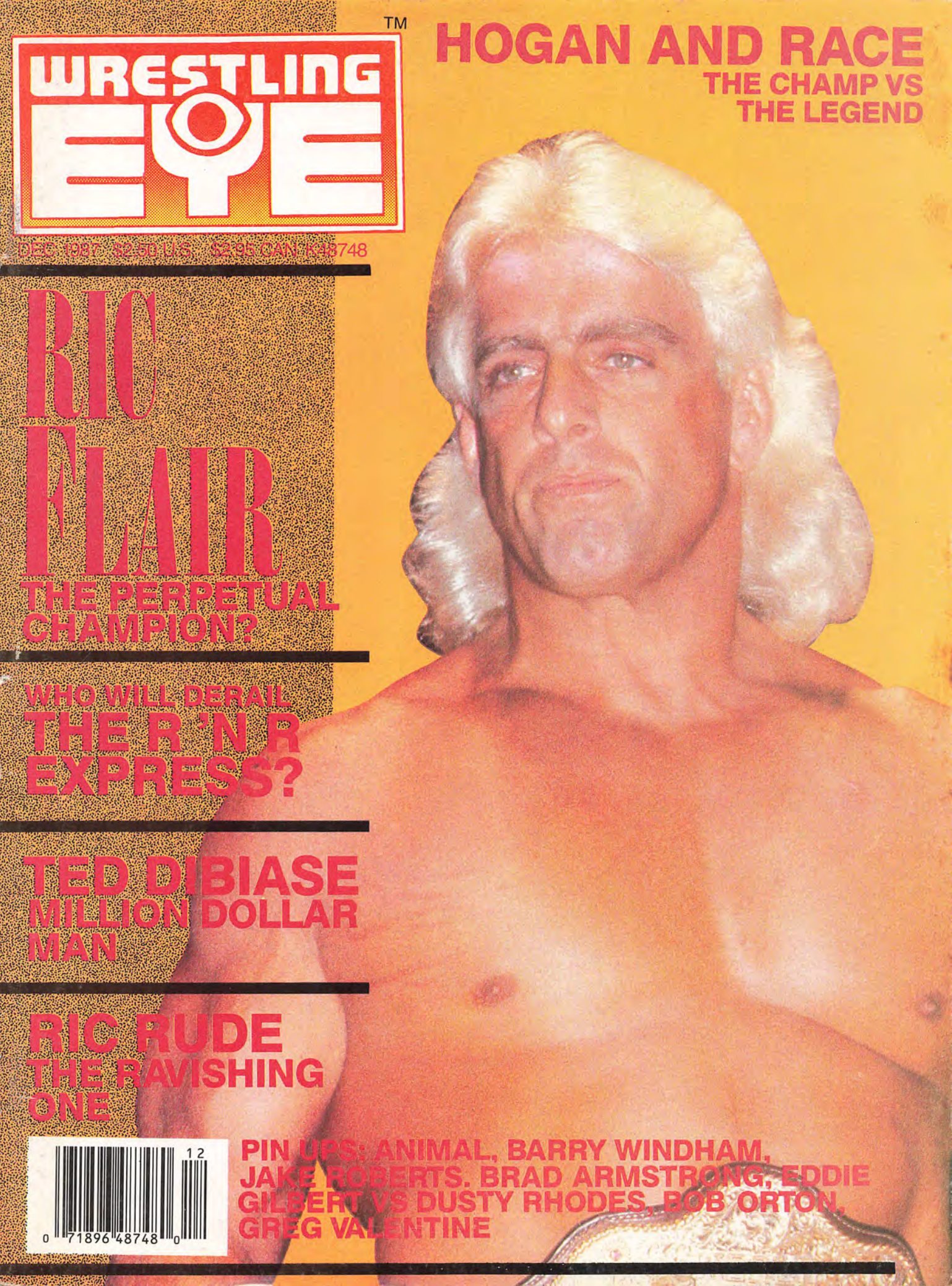

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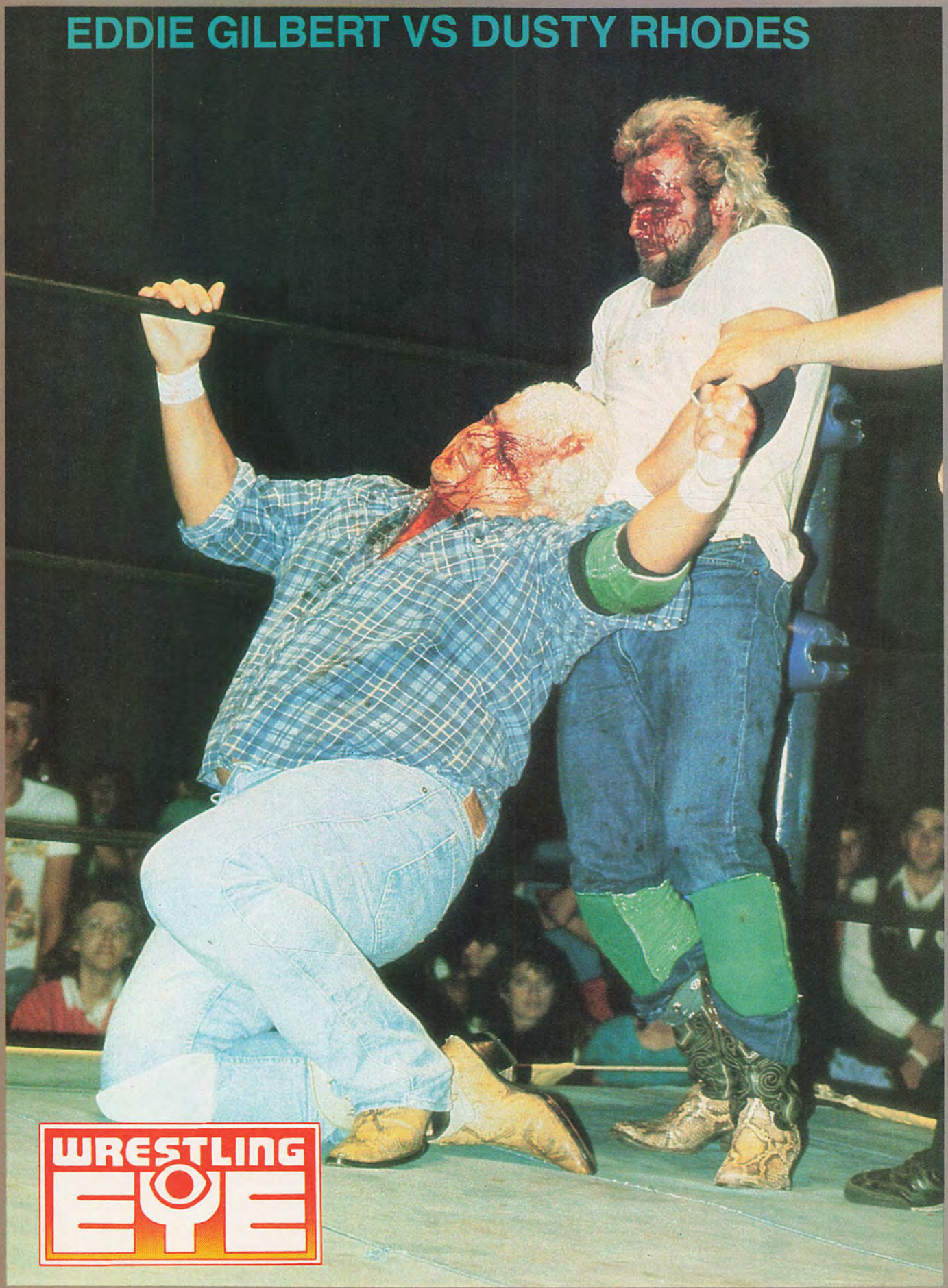

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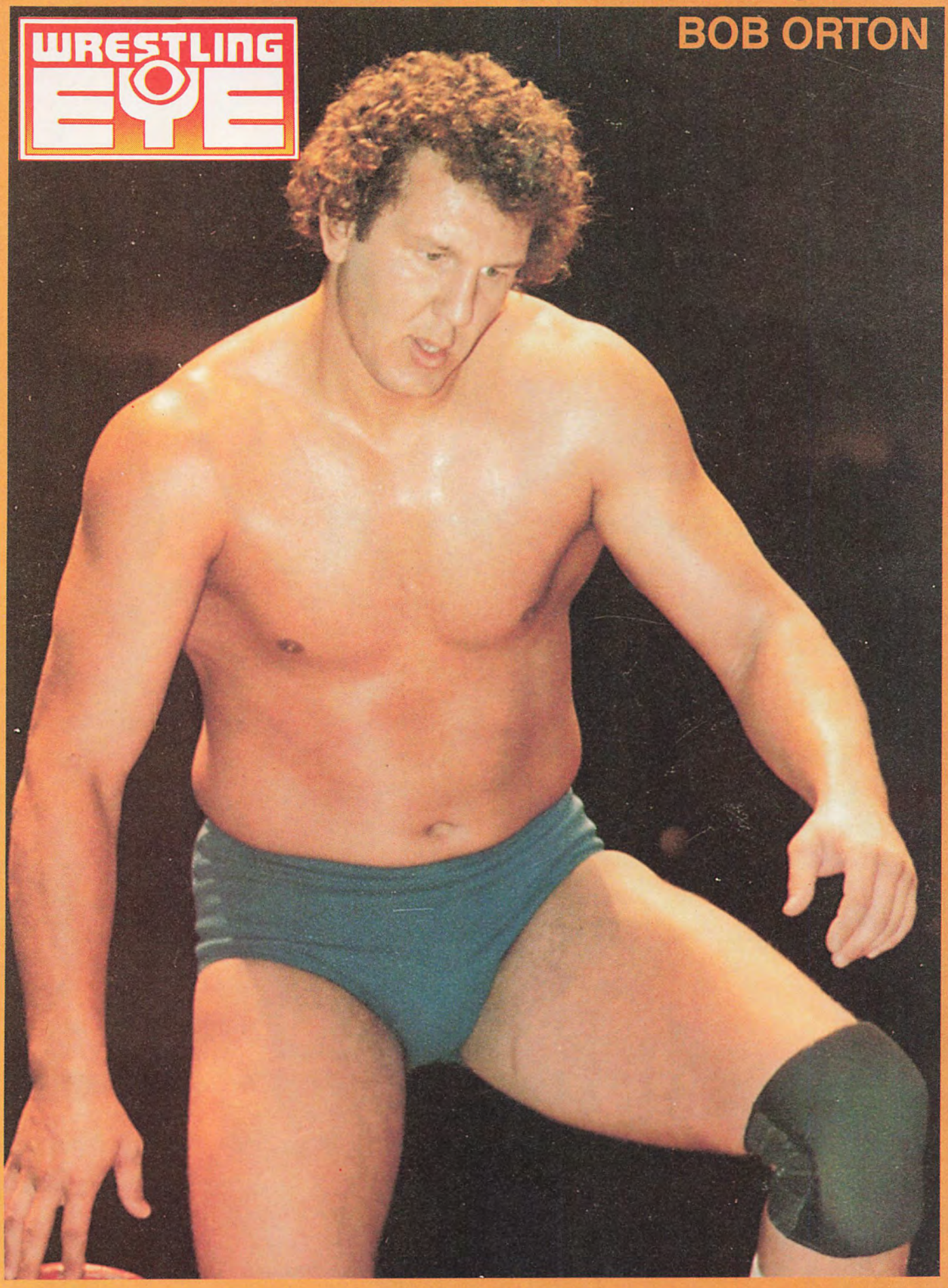

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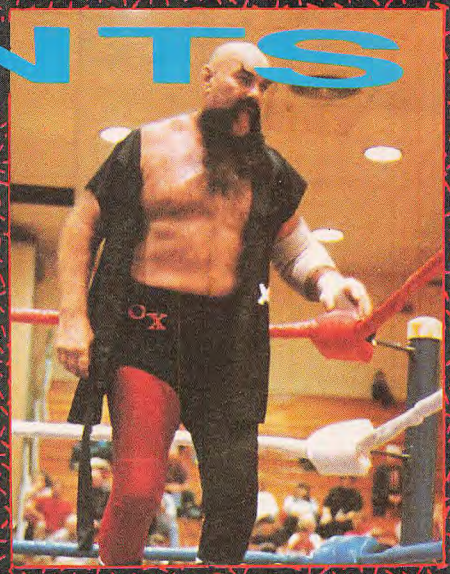

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WRESTLING EYE PIN UP

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From the Editor's Desk....

THE FUTURE OF WRESTLING

Picture the year 2000. Nick Kiniski, world's champion, in fact the undisputed and only world's champion. Hulk Hogan is approaching age 50 and since retired. Ric Flair is still wrestling, but his matches are far and few between. There is only one wrestling federation in undisputed world's champion because there is only one wrestling federation in existence, the World Wrestling Federation. All the others have dropped to the wayside or have merged with the big one. Currently, with all the WWF's television exposure, publicizing and endorsements, it stands to reason logically that the WWF will be the sole superior wrestling federation of the future. By the year 2000, the WWF will probably have it's own cable wrestling channel featuring "pro wrestling", only. In fact, by the turn of the century, wrestling will probably rank about second, in the race for America's #1 sport.

WRESTLING EYE magazine, along with many other of today's experts and critics have predicted that the WWF will rule supreme in the year 2000. Currently, the WWF is the most watched, along with the biggest money maker and the trend is expected to continue.

If someone out there in the year 2000 happens to pick up this dusty, old thirteen year old magazine, remember, WRESTLING EYE predicted it.

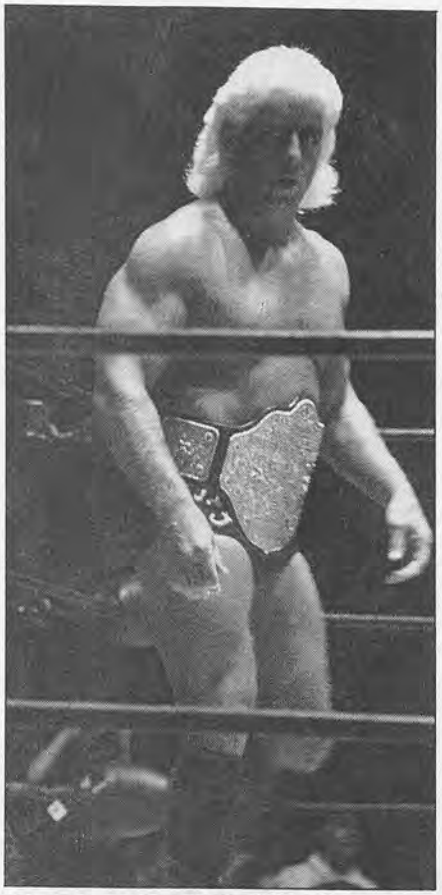
See Ya At The Matches,
Carmine DeSpirito
Editor

Ric Flair, always ready for any challenger.

RIC FLAIR

THE PERPETUAL CHAMPION?

By Tom Clutters



Ric Flair, a champion inside and out.

You can mark down September 17, 1981, as possibly the most significant date in the history of professional wrestling.

For it was on this date over six years ago, that "Nature Boy" Ric Flair became the N.W.A. World Heavyweight Champion for the first time. It was the beginning of a championship reign the likes of which had never been seen before.

Since that hot late summer night in 1981, Ric Flair, who started life as Richard Morgan Fliehr, has come to be recognized by most as *THE* world champion. Unlike some of his counterparts in other organizations, Flair is a working champion. His schedule usually includes from five to seven matches per week against the best competition the sport has to offer. In addition to the defense of his title, Ric spends much time in grueling tag matches with other members of the Four Horsemen. Just for variety, the promoters will, from time to time, throw in the occasional six-man tag match, steel cage match, or no-disqualification encounter. Flair's travel schedule takes him from one end of the country to the other, and to many other nations as well. While keeping up such a pace would be beyond the ability of many men, Flair simply shrugs. "It's all just part of being the world champion, of being one of the Horsemen, and of being Ric Flair," he stated.

Oh sure, there have been a few brief interruptions of Flair's championship dynasty, but for the most part, just as surely as the sun rises in the East each morning, Ric Flair will be the world champion. He is, indeed, the perpetual champion.

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As he has been known to do from time to time, Flair gets sidetracked. His obsession with breaking the ankle of Dusty Rhodes last year did eventually cost him the title for a short time. Flair is well-known for "taking what I want," no matter what the cost.

When he became infatuated with Jimmy Garvin's valet, Precious, some months ago, Flair started slowly, making only passing references to her physical beauty. Then, he offered her a $15,000 fur coat if she would leave Garvin and come to him. Precious took the coat, but all Flair got for his troubles was a slap in the face.

There were more promises of money, big cars, fine houses, and luxury living, but still, Precious refused. As the weeks wore on, Flair became bolder in his remarks about her, making reference to Precious' obvious upper body endowments. Soon, Jimmy Garvin had taken all he could take. "I've listened to this jerk for quite a while now, and it's time to put an end to it," said Garvin at the time.

Flair always looks his best inside the ring.

Flair's robes are the most handsome in the sport.

Flair also always looks best outside the ring as well. (photo by Al Fanale)

"If you think that you can just walk in and take my squeeze, Flair, you're badly mistaken, pally. Precious is MY woman, you understand. She means more to me than anything, and if you think you're gonna take her, it'll be over my dead body."

Eventually, a match was signed pitting Flair's title against a one-night date with Precious. The match took place in Greensboro, NC, during the Great American Bash series in July, and Flair won, thanks in no small part to a knee injury suffered early in the match by Garvin. Flair had earlier promised to have a film crew present to record the "dream date" for posterity, but it turned out to be one of the champion's most embarrassing moments when Ronnie Garvin, disguised as Precious, knocked Flair out, and deposited James J. Dillon in the hot tub of the suite Ric had reserved for the evening.

Flair tried to overcome his frustration with heavy-duty threats against Ron Garvin. "I won the date, fair and square. No question about it. The Garvins reneged on their end of the deal, and tried to humiliate me on national TV," Flair said. 'Well, let me tell you something, Ron Garvin. You won't have to ask any promoter for a match with me this time. I'm coming for you, brother, and when I get done, you will be retired. Yes, retired. Out of wrestling completely. When I get done, there will be no more Ronnie Garvin. You can take that to the bank."

* * * *

During his years as the N.W.A. kingpin, Ric Flair has been involved in some of wrestling's most memorable wars.

In addition to the Garvins, Flair has battled the likes of Magnum TA, Nikita Koloff, Wahoo McDaniel, the Road Warriors, Barry Windham, the Von Erichs, and Chris Adams, among others. Each and every battle has taken a little something from Ric Flair, and the fact that he still wears the championship is evidence enough as to just how much was inside this man in the first place.

When all is said and done, however, probably no man has ever been a tougher opponent for Flair than "The American Dream" Dusty Rhodes. Though they have met many times inside the squared circle, neither man has gained a marked advantage.

Despite being bitter enemies for so long, each man has a certain grudging respect for the other. "Listen, Dusty Rhodes has done it all in this sport, there's no denying that," admits Flair. "Big Dust is one of the all time greats. But, when it's all said and done, one fact remains. I've got this (the N.W.A. belt) and he doesn't. Like it or not Dusty, that makes you only second best."

"Ric Flair and me have been around and around many times," adds Rhodes. "People will talk forever about some of the battles we've had. But inside his mind the Nature Boy knows one thing for sure. Dusty Rhodes is the only

Flair arm raised again.
How much longer will it continue?

man who can beat him on any given night. Who know, pretty soon you might be writing about FOUR TIME World's Heavyweight Champion Dusty Rhodes!"

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For the past couple of years, no group of men has been more talked or written about than the Four Horsemen. For a lot longer than many people care to remember, the alliance of Flair, Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard and Lex Luger, along with manager Dillon, have dominated the happenings in the N.W.A. This association has proven beneficial for all, not only the champion himself.

But it must be pointed out that, not so long ago, some of the Horsemen were on different sides of the fence. Many people, for instance, remember the brutal feud between Flair and Blanchard. Tully was naturally envious of the belt held by Flair, and used everything from Dillon's shoes to Abdullah the Butcher to get the title away. Also, Flair conducted a long series of matches with Luger while the latter was still a rookie in Florida. Like so many others, Blanchard and Luger were unsuccessful, and the apparent respect between the three one-time foes seems to make their current alliance that much stronger.

Arn Anderson is the only one of the Horsemen who has never had a run-in with Ric Flair. The fact that these two Minnesota natives are cousins might have something to do with it, but Anderson, always hungry for a title, could change his mind somewhere down the road.

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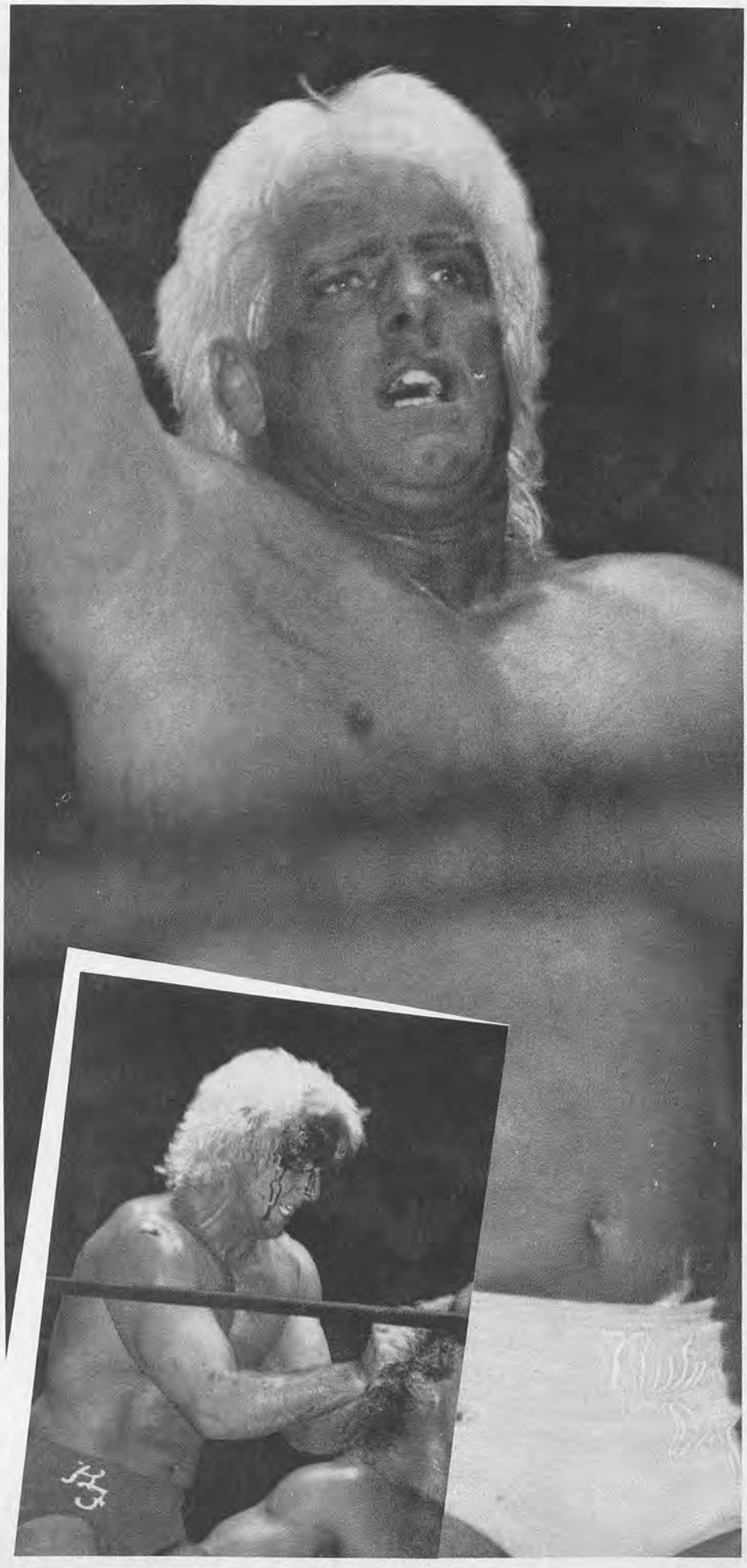
Many years from now, when historians look back on this period of professional wrestling, they will probably recognize what most observers already know. Ric Flair must be considered the best of his time. He has overcome adversity (a broken back in 1975), and has taken the best shots that his peers could throw at him. Even if he were to lose his title tomorrow, he can look back with pride on his career. However, it still would appear that the "Nature Boy" still has a few chapters to write in his story called, "The Perpetual Champion."



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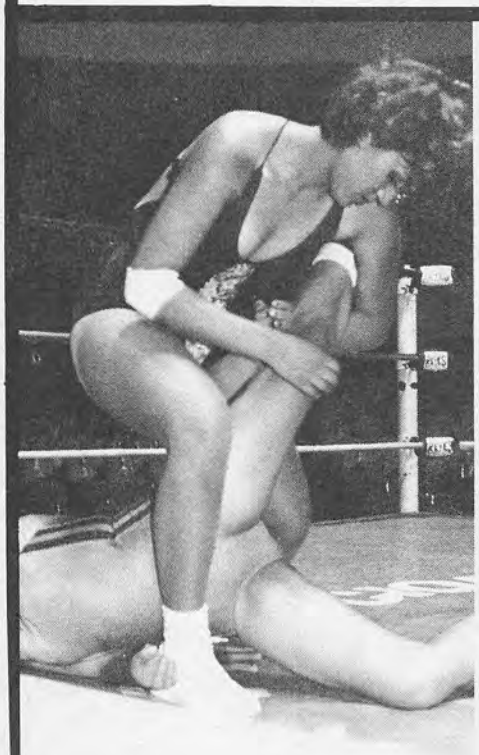

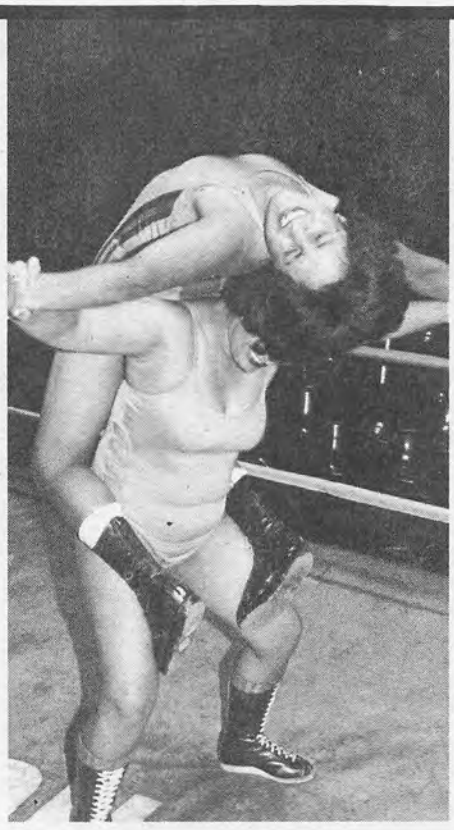

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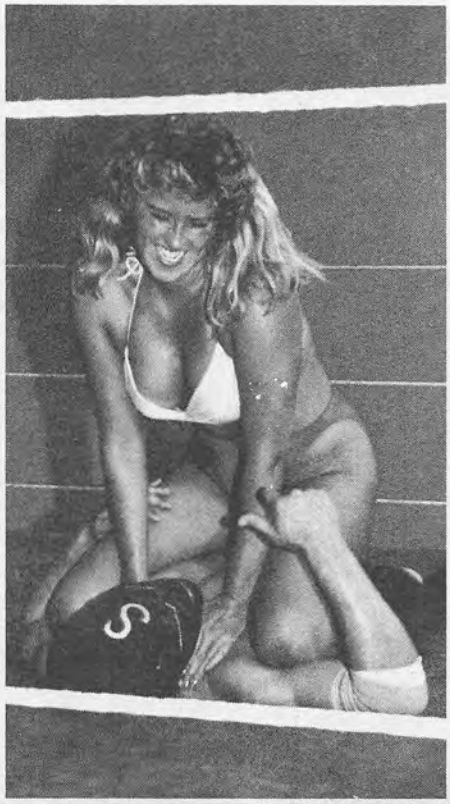

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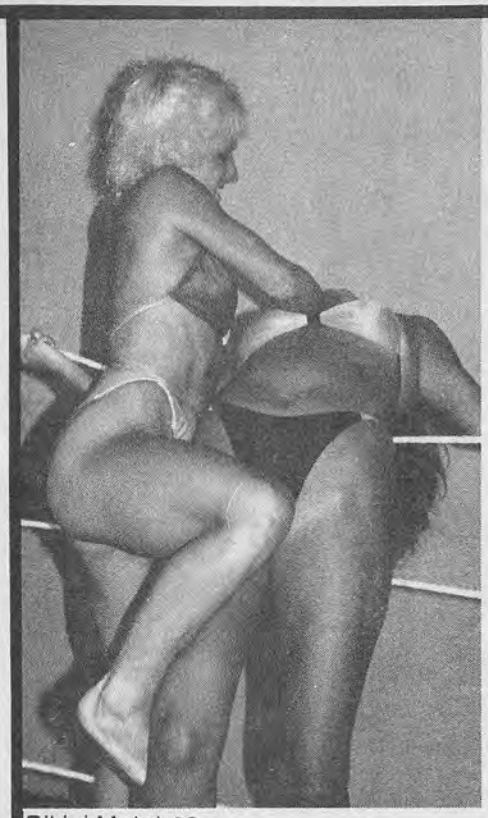

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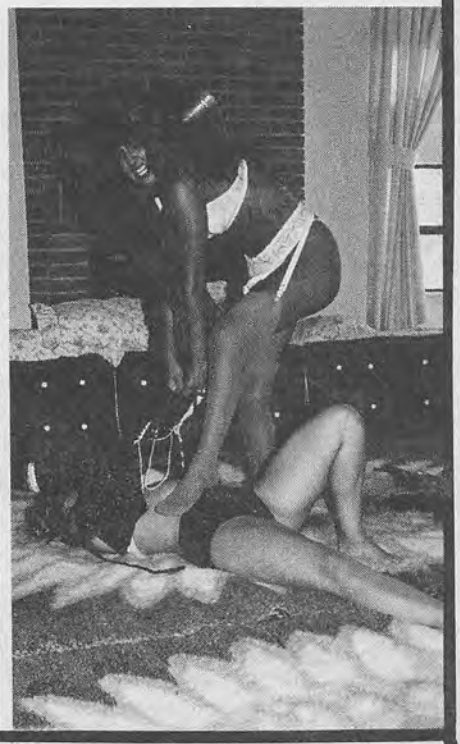

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WHO WILL DERAIL THE ROCK 'N ROLL EXPRESS?

By Jim Sexton/Photos by Michael C. Nelson

The Rock 'n roll Express can't stay champs forever.

At the Crockett Cup in Baltimore, 23 of the best tag teams in the world competed for the prestigious cup and $1,000,000. The tournament was a wrestling spectacular and was designed to determine the greatest tag team in the world. The R'nR's couldn't compete because Ricky Morton suffered an eye injury. They later made up for it, making wrestling history by regaining the NWA World tag team titles and starting their FOURTH title reign.

Somewhere along the line, Morton and Gibson will have to drop their belts again. The following is a look at the top ten challengers and their chances of derailing the Express.

MIDNIGHT EXPRESS—Currently the U.S. tag team champions and number one contenders, "Sweet Stan" Lane and "Beautiful Bobby" Eaton probably have the best chance of defeating the R'nR's. Earlier in the team's career, "Loverboy Dennis" Condrey along with Eaton were their archenemies. The teams feuded in the old Mid-South area (UWF) and when the R'nR's left for the NWA and captured the world titles, the Midnight's followed and beat them. That was the old Midnight Express, and with the addition of Stan Lane they haven't looked better. With Jim Cornette, and his trusty tennis racquet guiding them, the Midnight Express might become the proud owners of the U.S. AND the World tag team championships.

ROAD WARRIORS—Animal and Hawk, what is there to say about this team that already hasn't been said? They remain the most devastatingly powerful tag team in the world today, maybe even in the sport's history. These men held the NWA National and AWA World tag team championships, won the first annual Crockett Cup defeating the team of Magnum T.A. and Ronnie Garvin, and are currently the World Six-Man Champs AND the International title holders. The only thing yet to achieve is to hold the NWA World titles. If pitted against the R'nR's they would outweigh them by almost 150 pounds. The trouble is that the Warriors are fan favorites and would have trouble getting a match with wrestling's heartthrobs. The only chance of their meeting each other would be either in a tournament or if they decided to revert back to their old ways when they used to beat EVERYONE up. There is little doubt in any experts mind that the R'nR's would probably be crushed, or even crippled if they stood in the way of the Warrior's quest for the World belts. To quote their manager, Precious Paul Ellering, "You'll all pay the Warrior way!"

ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD—Both these members of the dreaded Four Horsemen have openly expressed their views on the title's future, "We're going to be the next World Tag Team champions! Why? Because we say so, that's why!!!" their past achievements back up their words, Tully has been U.S., National, and is currently the World TV title holder. Arn has held the National tag team and has also held the World TV title, and he now says he feels "naked" without a title around his waist. It's easy to understand why, being that all the other Horsemen currently hold major titles. They make an incredible team and literally destroy the competition. They work like they've been teaming for years, but are a relatively new combination. Along with the mastermind of James J. Dillon the team is championship

The Sheepherders are the current Florida tag team champs.

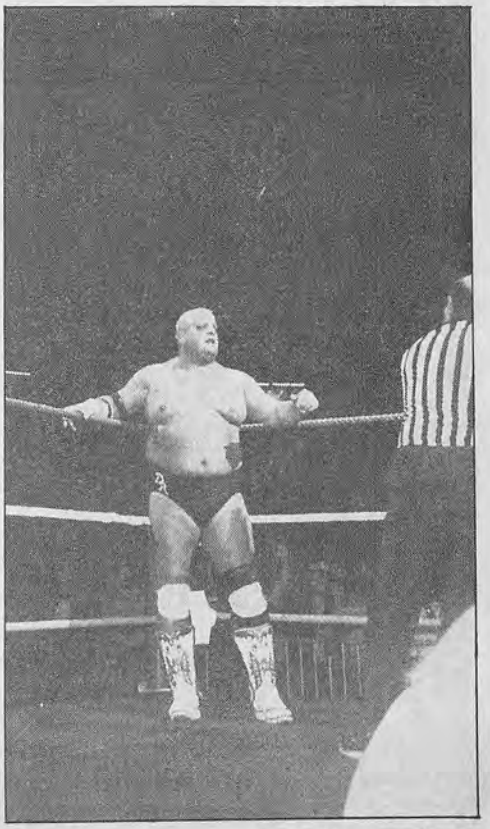
bound.

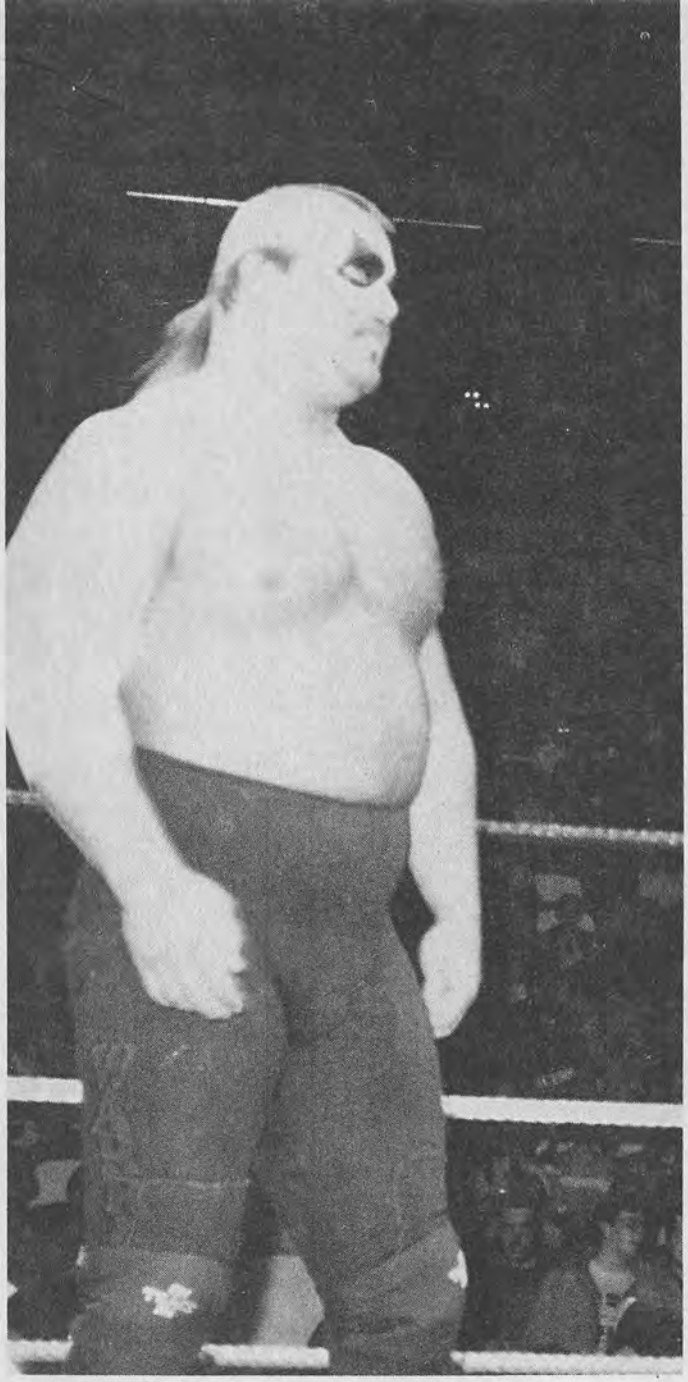
SHEEPHERDERS—Butch Miller and Luke Williams, the famed madmen from New Zealand, have dominated every area they have appeared in. They despise Americans, which gives them more incentive because the R'nR's are all American. Their wrestling styles are opposite, Morton and Gibson are fast-paced and scientific, while Miller and Williams brawl and bloody up opponents. Currently the Florida tag team champions, the Sheepherders could be in line for a title shot. Now that Jim Crockett has bought the Florida Promotion, they may have the option to move to the World Championship area and launch full-length attacks on the World champs.

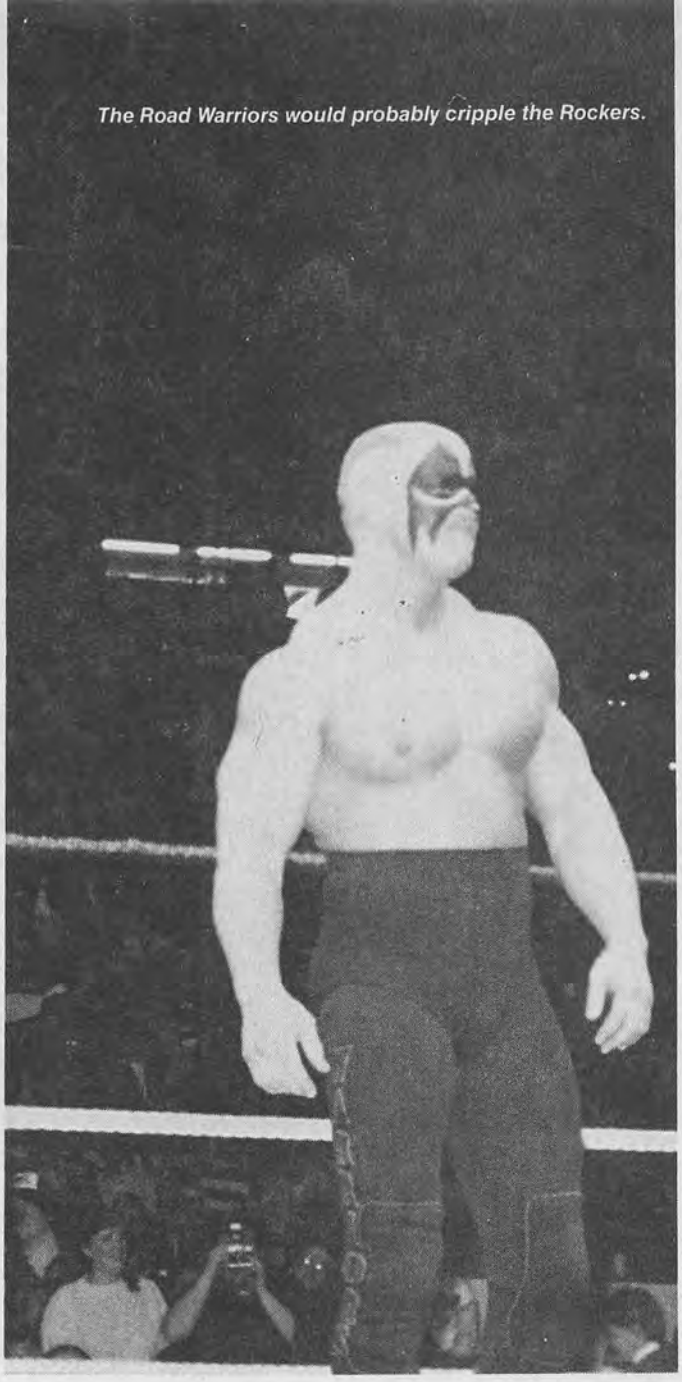
SUPERPOWERS—Dusty Rhodes and Nikita Koloff are this year's winners of the Crockett Cup. They defeated the team of Tully Blanchard and Lex Luger for that honor. Just for that feat they deserve a title shot, but again, they are fan favorites and very good friends with the R'nR's. If given the opportunity to face them in a title match they'd probably turn it down. Besides, both of them have their sights set on another belt, the U.S. championship. Both challenge the holder of the belt, Lex Luger, in hopes that one of them will regain the championship. Both Dusty and Nikita have held the World tag titles, twice. In fact, it was Nikita, along with uncle Ivan Koloff, that lost, regained, and then lost the belts again to the Rock 'n Roll Express. Unfortunately, the Superpowers desire for a tag championship only go as high as the U.S. tag belts.

NEW BREED—Chris Champion and Sean Royal claim to be from the year 2002, and claim to have futuristic tactics. They are strange looking but their wrestling skills are phenomenal. They are small, quick, and scientific, similar to the R'nR's style. They were on the verge of a title match with the

The Superpowers give all their opponents a tough time.







The Road Warriors would probably cripple the Rockers.

champs when both were in an automobile accident. Royal only received minor injuries, but Champion needed more time to recuperate. Once the New Breed regroup they will once again become formidable challengers for the Express.

DREAMTEAM (NWA)—The team of Ric Flair and Lex Luger is truly a "dreamteam," having the World champ and his number one contender, the U.S. title holder, Luger on the same side. They are the other two members of the Four Horsemen and are just as awesome, if not more so than Arn and Tully. The problem is that they have their singles titles to defend and have little time to devote to tag team matches. Ric has held the World tag titles with Greg Valentine, but Lex has never held a tag championship. If one, or both of them lose their belts, look for this successful combination to channel their collective energies in the direction of the R'nR's.

MOD SQUAD—These two brothers, Spike and Basher, are an up and coming tag team shocking experts with impressive victories. Their style resembles that of the Road Warriors, but they have a style all their own. Supposedly, they were motorcycle policemen in New Orleans, but were banned because of over-excessive brutality. After they joined the sport of wrestling, they captured the Mid-Southern, Central States, and the Florida tag team championships. Their move to the World Championship area means more chances at major tag teams and inevitably a shot at the R'nR's.

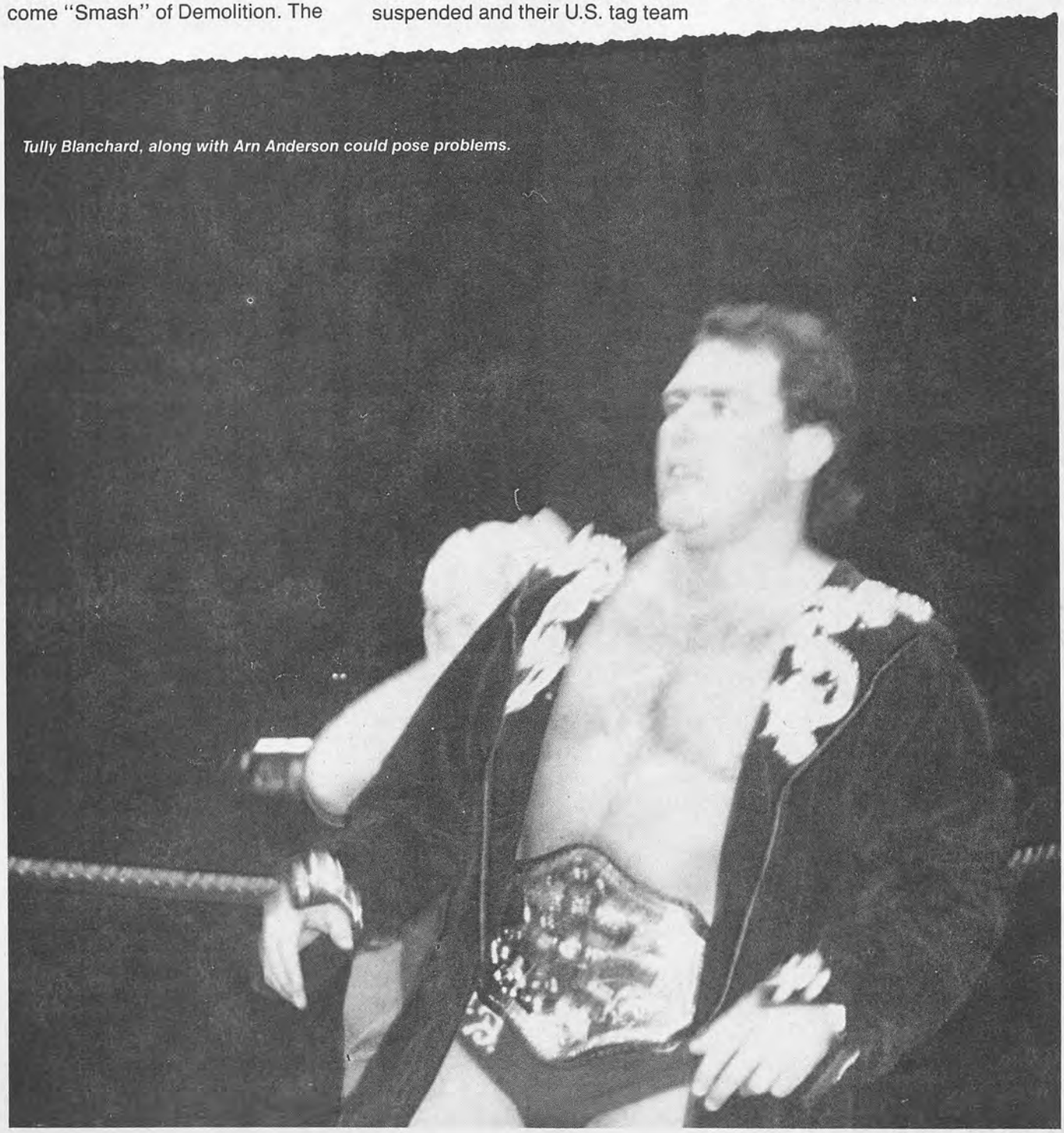
FABULOUS FREEBIRDS—Any two of the three Freebirds, Terry Gordy, Buddy Roberts, or Michael Hayes, would be a top contender for any tag team title. In their stable has been the UWF World, UWF World TV, and the World Class Six-Man tag team title. The 'Birds started out in the Georgia Promotion then journeyed to the World Class area, but had the most success in the UWF. There they had some run-ins with the Rock 'n Roll Express, but their battles were indecisive. Since then, both teams have gained more experience and ring knowledge. The Freebirds would pose a totally different threat

to the champs now.

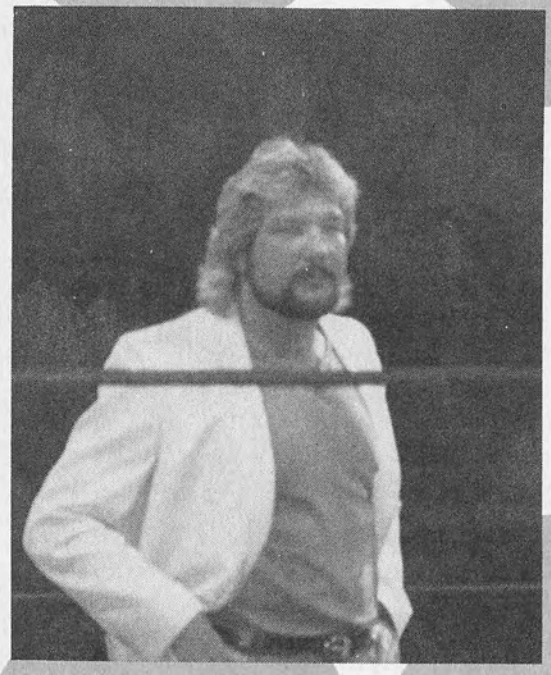
The 'Birds moved to the World Championship area when the NWA and the UWF merged. This can only mean bigger and better things for the Fabulous Freebirds. Morton and Gibson's next stop may be BADSTREET, U.S.A.!

IVAN KOLOFF & VLADIMIR PETROV—Last, but not least, the Russian team managed by Paul Jones. This new Russian team was formed when Nikita Koloff defected to the "American Dream" Dusty Rhodes camp and Krusher Kruschev left for the WWF to become "Smash" of Demolition. The U.S.S.R. sent Nikita's childhood rival, Vladimir Petrov, to be Ivan's new protege. Their plan was to teach Nikita and ALL Americans a lesson. Needless to say, it didn't work. Ivan has had an impressive career up to now, holding the U.S. and World tag titles, twice. He also, along with manager Lou Albano, captured the WWF World championship from Bruno Sammartino. Petrov has yet to hold a title, but give him some time he's only a rookie. The Russians careers were going down hill ever since comrade Dick Murdoch was suspended and their U.S. tag team titles stripped. Now that they've joined Paul Jones's Army, this Powerhouse of a tag team has risen to the top again.

There are many other teams that deserve mentioning. Among these are the UWF tag team champs, Brad Armstrong and Tim Horner, the Lightning Express, the other half of Paul Jones's Army, Manny Fernandez and the Barbarian, Jimmy Valiant and Lazor-Tron, and the Garvin Brothers, to name a few. Granted, the Rock 'n Roll Express are a great team, but no team can keep the titles forever.



Tully Blanchard, along with Arn Anderson could pose problems.



TED DiBIASE

WRESTLING'S MILLION DOLLAR MAN

By Don Laible/
Photos by Bob Miller

It wasn't that long ago that the wrestling community in the United States as well as overseas cheered and supported the values of Ted DiBiase. Yes, as strange as it may seem from DiBiase's recent change of heart, he is one in the same person. The man who is chauffered about town in a limousine by his personal assistant Virgil, flashing bills whose denominations are so large they would appear foreign to most of the working class. Success has unquestionably changed DiBiase's philosophies in the ring as well as his views towards the fans who have faithfully stood by him through the years. The new attitude adopted by Ted, one that can be clearly categorized as arrogant, conceited and selfish, now have taken him from being one of the most popular grapplers to the most despised by the fans.

What makes Ted's change in attitude that much harder to swallow is his fine family wrestling background. 'Iron' Mike DiBiase, Ted's father, was not only an outstanding athlete that once captured the World's Junior Heavyweight Championship during his remarkable wrestling career of over twenty years, but he was a gentleman respected highly by the fans and his colleagues. When 'Iron' Mike died while in a ring awaiting the start of a match, Ted was determined to carry on the tradition that his father had gained through many years of countless ring battles.

A few years back during Ted's first stint with the World Wrestling Federation, he climbed the organization's ladder of success by becoming its second most individual commodity. Ted did so by capturing the Intercontinental Championship title. Perhaps being 'second fiddle' to then WWF pinking Bob Backlund was the beginning of several circumstances that left a bitter taste to DiBiase's feelings towards promoters and the rest of the wrestling hierarchy. With no WWF heavyweight title shot on the horizon, Ted moved on to see action for various promotions under the National Wrestling Alliance banner. Regional title belts seemed to flow his way but the big one, the NWA Heavyweight strap, was escaping his list of accomplishments. Although Ted felt a conspiracy may have existed for reasons to this day he won't make public, he began to feel as an outsider.

What kept his spirits high that one day a version of the world's championship would be listed to his laurels, was Ted's tremendous success during his tours of Japan. To this day, along with Stan Hanson, he is rated as one of the two roughest yet skillful Americans to compete in the Orient. The extremely lucrative deals that Ted has been able to secure with the Japanese promotions have made many stand up and take notice of him. Each time he may have come under scrutiny by those who felt he was overpaid, after seeing just how skillful and professional he was, they came away in agreement that Ted was championship material and well worth the purses he was demanding. It soon became common knowledge at arenas everywhere that a better technical wrestler than Ted would be hard to find.

The Mid-South group based in Oklahoma, which would later be renamed the Universal Wrestling Federation, was where Ted seemingly came to the crossroads of his

Will you be bought by this man?

Ted certainly has ring appeal.

so far brilliant career. With the 'people's choice' champ Magnum Terry Allen on the scene, Ted would once again be deeply appreciated by the fans but would also settle in the area as the 'second fiddle'. With the addition of Terry Taylor and Steve 'Dr. Death' Williams, it was becoming increasingly clear that the UWF Heavyweight Championship would not be in the 'cards' for DiBiase. Always 'Mr. Nice Guy', Ted took the situation in stride, never complaining, just doing what he did best—win.

When Cowboy Bill Watts sold the UWF, a well liked, well respected organization that he built from the bottom up, DiBiase's contract with the Mid-South promotions became void. Ted was now a free agent. While negotiating with the American Wrestling Association, the World Wrestling Federation and with Jim Crockett Promotions of the NWA, DiBiase saw an offer sheet given to his agent by each of the big three groups with numbers he never imagined. All those extremely generous dollar amounts flowing his way are what most feel ruined him. He began to be obsessed with collecting expensive items, the idea of having more money than he ever thought was possible changed his personality.

The power that came with his wealth, after accepting Vince McMahon's lucrative deal with the WWF, was when the man fans loved suddenly became the person they loved to hate. DiBiase's best and only friend, next to Virgil, quickly became the green bills in his wallet. A snap of a finger or a loud order demanded by Ted to be carried out immediately became his style of relating or better yet not relating with the common person. Consideration for others feelings no longer was prevalent in his daily approach.

Perhaps what is hardest for the fans to accept with the new attitude of wrestling's 'million dollar man' is that when the bell rings to begin a match of which he is a participant, Ted backs up his claims as one of the best and most interesting athletes in the 'square circle' today. Since Ted changed his ways he is undefeated. A showdown with current WWF Champ Hulk Hogan seems only as far away as the two men picking up a pen to sign the contract.

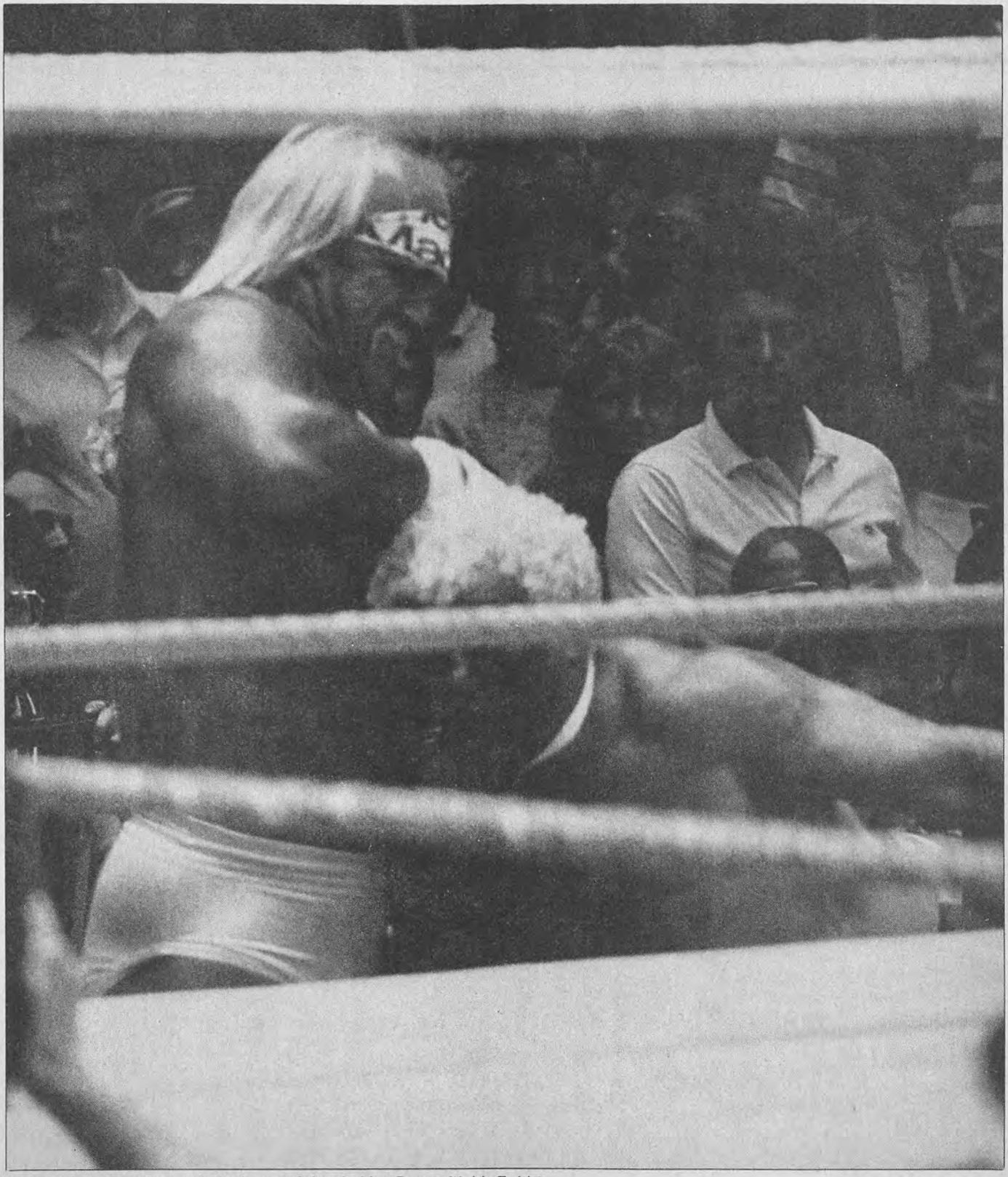
Virgil, who at one time gained mild success as a wrestler in the Memphis area as well as along the independent circuits on the East under the name of 'Soul Train' Jones, is the one many feel continues to be a major reason as to why Ted feels money can buy anything; that everyone can be bought. Virgil has been heard to encourage his employer to take people to their limits and to buy big ticket items that he obviously has no use for. Needless to say, Virgil has proven to be a negative influence on Ted.

It's a shame that a fine, caring individual like Ted DiBiase has gone sour to the legion of well-wishers that for years stood by him.

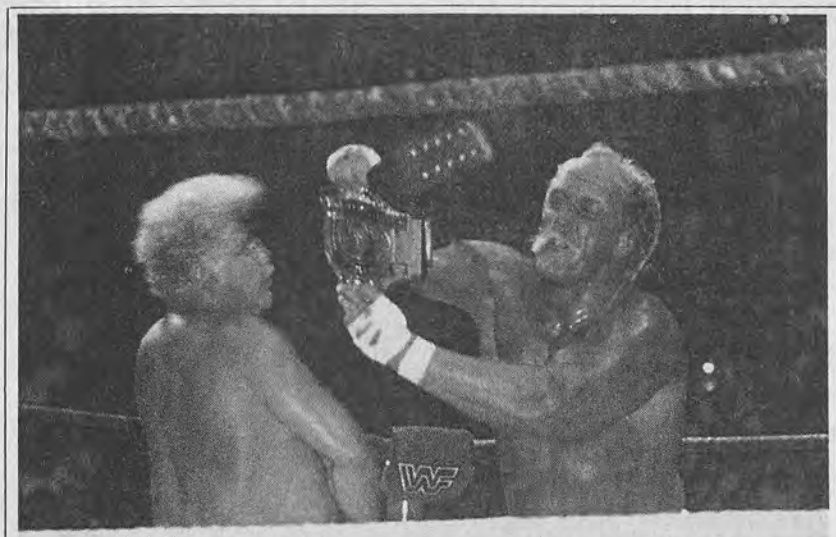
Perhaps it will take a beating at the hands of Hogan or Ken Patera to turn Ted around. Or maybe the fond memories of his father's illustrious career will haunt him into straightening himself out. Whatever it takes, wrestling fans everywhere hope it happens soon.

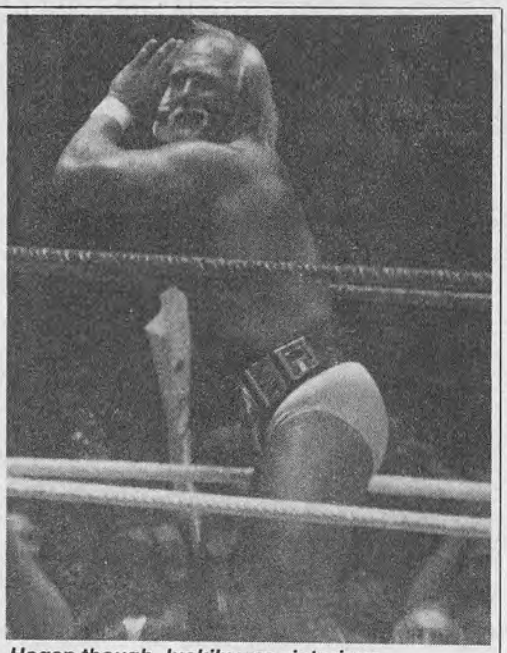
"Hogan And Race"
"The Champ Vs. The Legend"

by Carmine Despirito

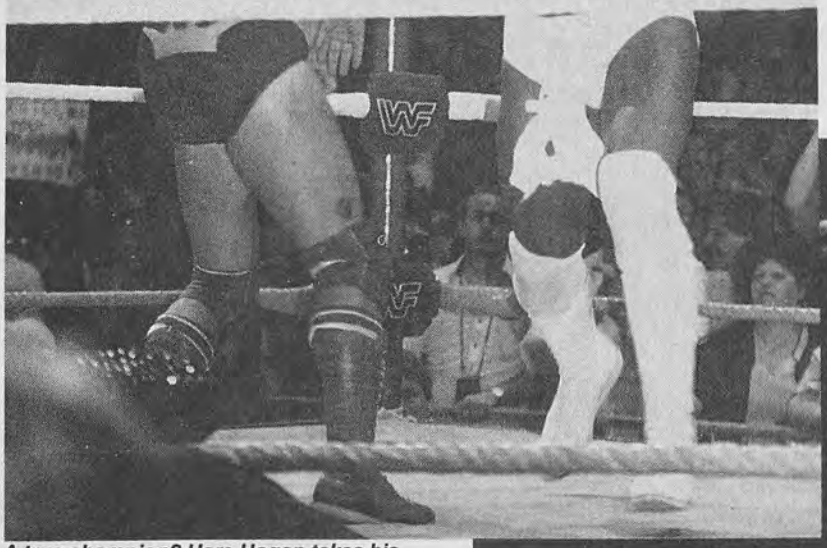


Hogan takes advantage early in the match by choking Race with his T-shirt.

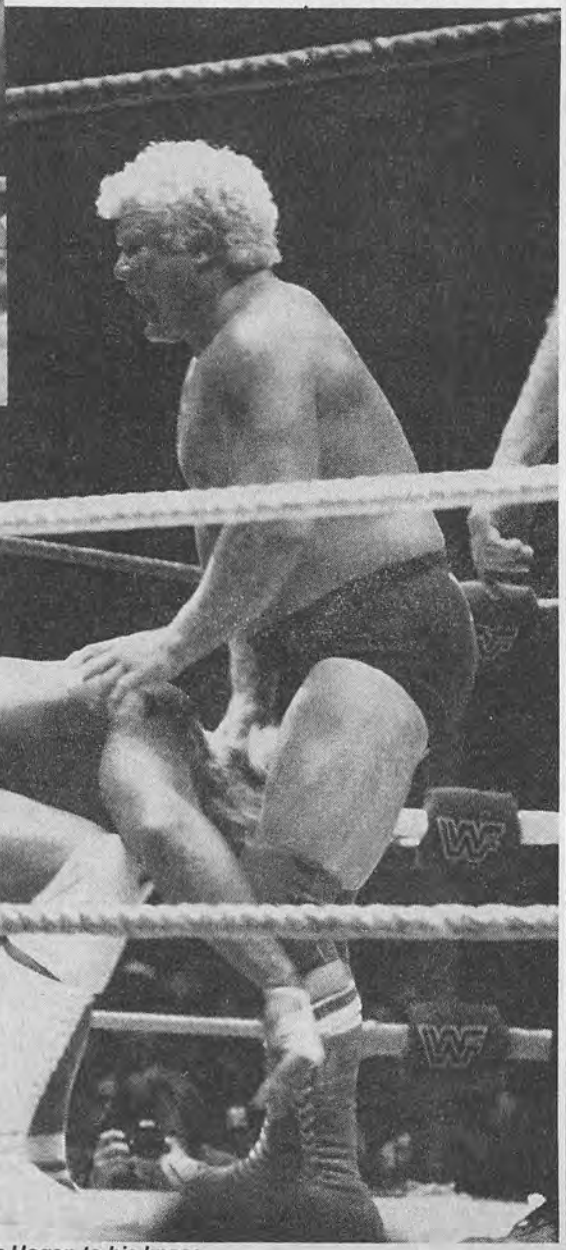


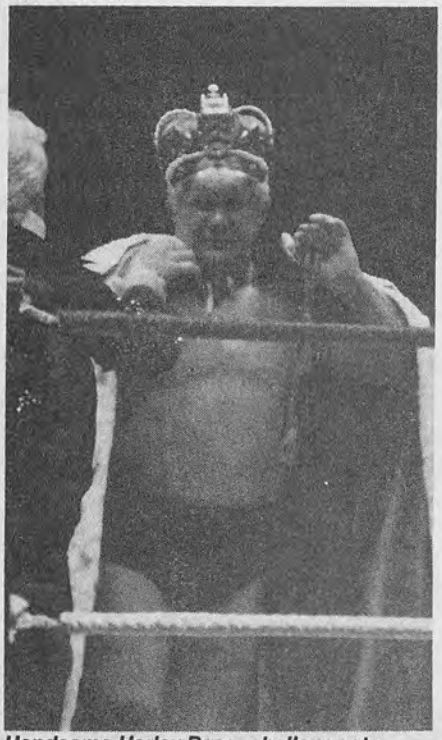


Hogan though, luckily was victorious.



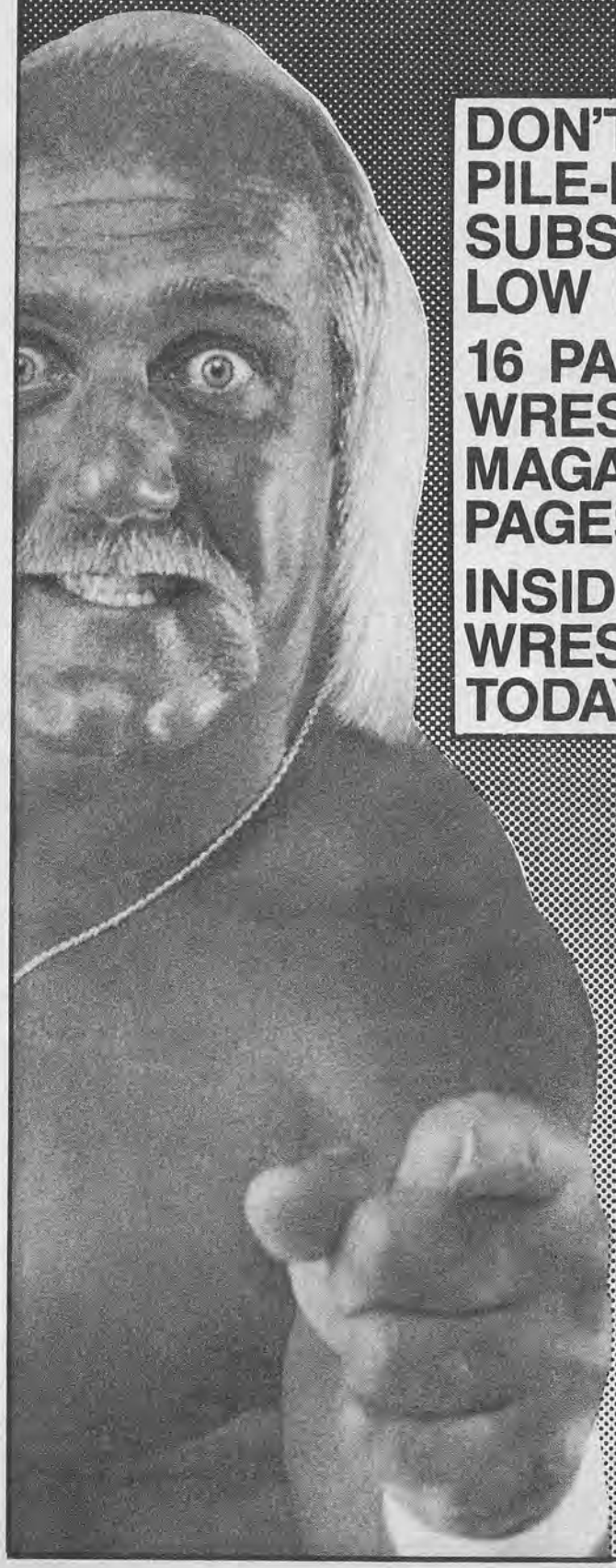
A true champion? Here Hogan takes his championship belt and knocks Race on the head with it.





Handsome Harley Race, challenger to Hogan, and one of the best in history.

Race fires back though, and sends Hogan to his knees.



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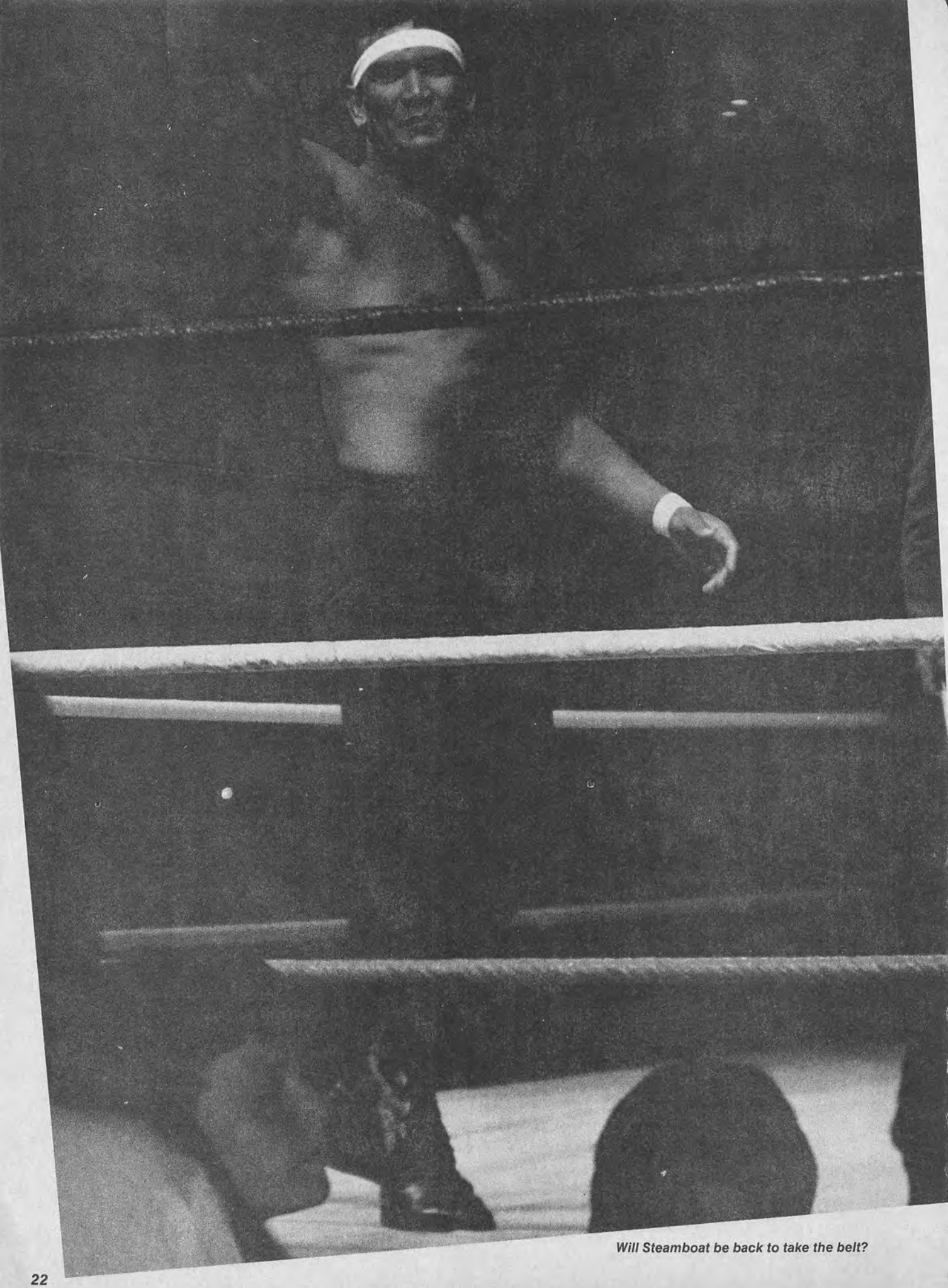


Will Steamboat be back to take the belt?

THE INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE

THE BELT THAT'S HARD TO HOLD

By J.M. Whitney

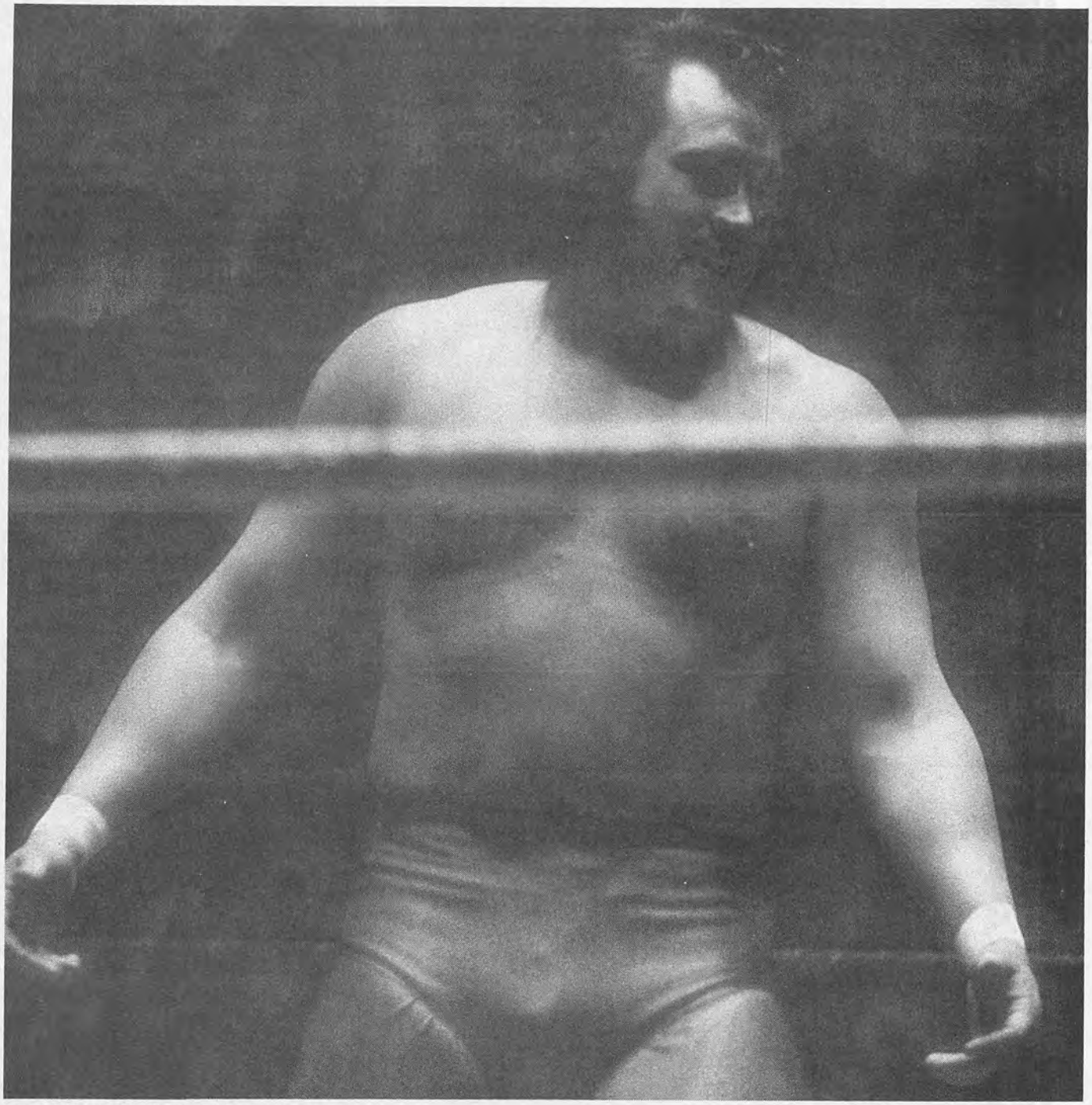
There are several things you can always be sure of: the sun goes down, the moon come up and tomorrow Hulk Hogan will still be champ. This, is one of the primary reasons that so much attention has been shifted to the Intercontinental title. At least there's some action there. You don't know when the WWF is going to give it to somebody else. It seems that there is still excitement surrounding the belt, not the sam hohum action that the Heavyweight title seems to carry. Hogan's belt has become more of an ornament than anything else. It's simply brought out to entice the fans to come and see if this will finally be the time that he loses it. However, there's never any real doubt, not really. It's a shame too because at least this way the matches would be more interesting, not the lackluster display of performance that each match has become.

The Intercontinental belt, at least that's another story altogether. There's definite forms of life there. From the moment Randy Savage took the belt from Tito Santana, and started shaking the walls of the WWF, the action really got hot. Although many complained that Savage stole the belt, he certainly proved himself worthy of carrying the title in the months to come. In fact, it seemed that Savage was defending his title week in and week out. He came to each match prepared to do battle and to defend the gold he wore so proudly around his waist. Things were going pretty good for the Macho Man until Ricky "Dreamboat" Steamboat decided to try his luck against the champ. Anyway, the "Karate Kid" tried his best and for all his efforts ended up in the hospital with a crushed larynx and more than a few good reasons to consider an early retirement. Instead, he returns to the ring faster than is humanly possible and goes after Savage, who is just doing his job and defending his title with a vengeance.

Steamboat also enlisted the help of George "the Animal" Steele to try and thwart the Macho Man of the title that he so richly deserved. One can't help but wonder what would become of the Animal's image of a good guy, if his adoring fans were invited to watch Steele in his favorite past-time, biting off fish heads, like he used to do a couple of years ago. One can only assume that Steel is housetrained now.

The battle between these two raged on for a couple of months and neither Steamboat nor the Macho Man could gain the upper hand in their battles. The conclusion finally came during Wrestlemania III and it couldn't have come any sooner, because to be quite

Savage was a "respectable" champ.



Some feel the Honky Tonk Man took the belt unfairly.

frank, the feud was beginning to wear rather thin. It was definitely one of the best matches, but Steamboat was only able to pin Savage after George helped by pushing the Macho Man off the ring ropes. History was made and "Dreamboat" finally had his title. His reign of the Intercontinental champ lasted about four or five matches only. It seemed that the Master of Martial Arts had become a little too confident for his own good. He figured that he could take on any challengers that came his way and win with ease. When the Honky Tonk Man stepped into the ring with Steamboat, the Dragon probably figured this would be one of his easier wins. However, Steamboat was unprepared for the attack that the Honky Tonk Man unleased. Steamboat was pinned almost before he knew what had happened, and once again the belt changed hands. Oh sure, lots of fans complained that Honky Tonk stole the belt, but any doubt was cast away when the instant playback was reviewed. The Honky Tonk man won the match with a clean pin and the man who deserved the belt took it home. If this was not the case, then where is Steamboat to dispute this fact. How come he's not demanding a rematch? The reason seems almost too simple. The man is probably afraid. He knows that he was beaten by one that's superior and he realized now would be a good time to retire and spend time with his family. The Macho Man made Steamboat think about the title and the Honky Tonk Man drove the point home.

IS MORTON REALLY BETTER THAN GIBSON?

YOU DECIDED!

A few issues back, we asked our readers who was the better half of the tag team duo known as the Rock 'n Roll Express. The response was simply overwhelming! Read on to find out who came out ahead in our poll. The letters will surprise you. Either way no matter how you feel, one thing is for certain...the Rock 'n Roll Express have taken their place alongside the best loved and most respected tag teams in the world today.
Remember, if your letter wasn't printed here, don't feel bad. There's always next time, so keep those letters coming!

Photos by Michael C. Nelson

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
In your August issue, you ask the question "Who is Better, Morton or Gibson?" My answer is neither. Both Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson are as equal as they are different. Ricky's fireball style and Robert's cool, calm manner complement each other to make what everyone knows and loves as the Rock 'n Roll Express. No matter who your favorite is, you have to love and respect the other one just as much. I feel that everyone, including Ricky and Robert agree they are equal.

A True R 'N R Fan,
Doris Koogle
Frederick, Md

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I enjoyed your August '87 issue. I am writing to tell you my response to the question "Is Gibson Better Than Morton?"

My thoughts on the subject are they are so much alike that it would be hard for me to say who is better. But, I will have to go in the direction of Robert Gibson. Although Ricky is an excellent wrestler, I would have to say that Robert is a little bit better than Ricky Morton.

Sara Smoot
Blue Springs, Md

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I'm writing in regards to your question "Who Is A Better Wrestler, Morton or Gibson?" My answer is Robert Gibson without a doubt. Robert has been wrestling longer than Ricky. Also, he started his career in single matches. In my opinion, I also think he is more level headed when it comes to matches. He looks before he leaps. He sizes things up before he jumps into it. It takes a lot to get him mad in a match. Sometimes, he takes a real beating, but he always comes back. I've seen Robert and Ricky wrestle both on TV and in person. Robert has done a lot of moves that I haven't seen Ricky use.

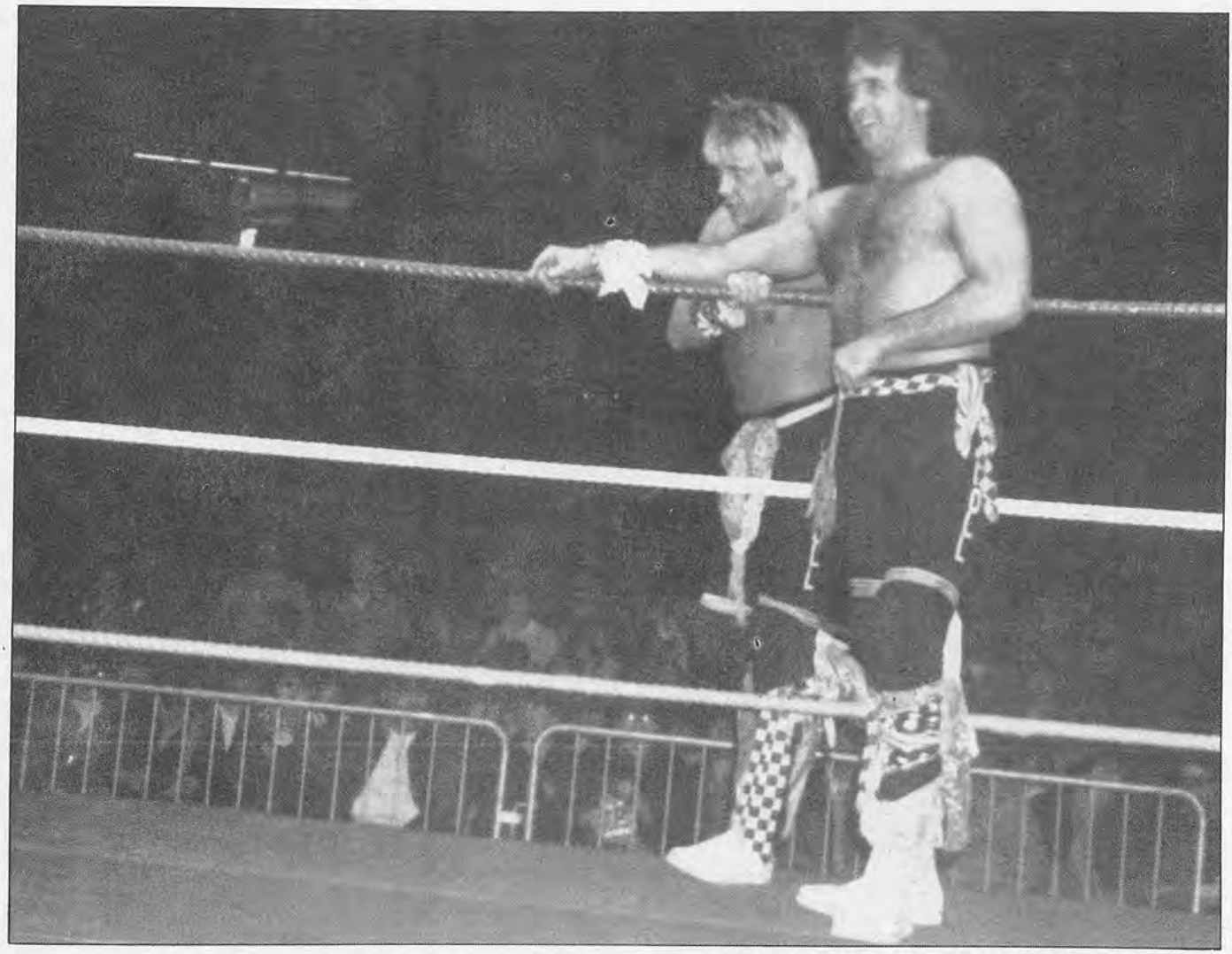
The only single matches that I know Ricky has wrestled in was when he and Ric Flair were going at it. In closing, I would like to say that one reason I go for Robert is the way he conducts himself during interviews. He doesn't let his mouth overload his brain. To me, quiet is better. I know that a lot of people will have different opinions, but to me Robert Gibson is better and will always be better. Thank you for giving me a chance to voice my opinion.

Max Ferguson
Punxsutawney, Pa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I think Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson are the best tag team in wrestling today. When the Rock 'n Roll Express get hurt, they come back fighting. You cannot judge Ricky and Robert separately, you have to judge them as a tag team. I don't want to see the Rock 'n Roll Express break up. They belong together and no one can replace them. They have their own special way of wrestling.

Shirley McCord
Crabtree, Pa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
My opinion of the Rock 'n roll Express is that they are fantastic! They *both* have so much energy,



One thing everyone agrees, both are awesome wrestlers.

skill and charisma that I look forward to watching them wrestle. As for who's the "best," I think they are both equal. I don't think you should judge Ricky and Robert as individual wrestlers, but as a tag team. Their moves and knowledge make them an outstanding tag team.

Cheryl Wittges
Seattle, Wa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I received the Aug 87 issue just the other day. I would like to comment on the article "Is Ricky Morton Better Than Robert Gibson?" Well, as many times as I have seen them wrestle, I must say, to me, neither is better than the other. Ricky might do all the talking, but I know Robert doesn't have to say anything. He lets his talking be done in the ring. Rock 'n Roll will live and will be around forever. By the way, WRESTLING EYE is the best damn magazine I ever read. You guys do a hell of a job. Keep up the good work!

Daniel W. Martinez
San Juan Pueblo, Mx

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I think they are both good. They work their best in tag team action but they are also good in single action. Besides having the looks and talent, they have a lot of fans that really love them a lot. To decide which one of the Rock 'n Roll Express is the best is really hard to choose because they both need each other. They are one of the best, or the best tag team champions of the world. I believe they will be champions for a long time.

Hazel Baxley
Baxley, Ga

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
In your Aug 87 issue you had an article "Who is Better, Ricky or Robert?" Well, I think Robert is better because I like the soft spoken type, but on the other hand, it's stupid to compare them. They are great wrestlers and they are gorgeous. so why compare them and try to split them up and their fans as well.

Deanna Hardee
Ports, Va

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I am a really big fan of the Rock 'n Roll Express and your question of who's better was a hard one. Both hunks are excellent wrestlers but I'm going to have to go with Robert Gibson as the better wrestler. The reason I chose gorgeous Robert is because Ricky is always yapping away with Paul Jones, Jim Cornette, or whoever else is ringside. While Ricky's yapping, Robert seems to be concentrating on the match. It always seems that Morton's the one in the spotlight. Well, I think Robert is definitely the better wrestler. All Ricky can do is wiggle his rear end and go woo! Ricky is more of a talker than a

Ricky's shirt says it all.

wrestler. Robert is the better Rock 'n Roller of my heart.

Melissa Weber
Bulter, Pa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I just finished reading the article on the Rock 'n Roll express in your Aug 87 issue. It was quite interesting. I agree with you that they are better as a team than individuals. After all, they are the tag team champs. But anyway, as to which is better, that's difficult. Both are in top shape and are great athletes, but in my opinion, Robert is probably better. Don't get me wrong, I love Ricky too and even though he gets all the attention, it doesn't mean Ricky's better. But, I still think the Rock 'n Roll Express is the best tag team and it doesn't really matter who's better because they are a *team*!

Lenora Hatchell
Timmonsville, SC

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
To respond to your "Is Morton Better Than Gibson" article in Aug 87 issue, I say Ricky is the best. He is faster and really tough and he is just a great wrestler. Don't get me wrong, I love them both. Just one message for the R 'N R Express: "Guys, don't ever split up, your fans like you as a team. Stay that way.

Missy Searson
Tabor City, NC

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I watch the Rock 'n Roll Express every time they come on TV and I go to their matches. I also belong to their fan club. I must comment on the article "Is Morton Better than Gibson." They are both top bananas. They go together like peaches and cream or ham and eggs. Neither is better than the other one. My grandmother even loves them. I personally like Gibson, my grandmother, Morton, but we love them both. They are equal.

Amy Scott
Rose Hill, NC

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I'm writing in response to your article in the Aug issue "Is Gibson Better Than Morton."

I am a big fan of the Rock 'n Roll Express. I don't think Morton is better than Gibson or Gibson better than Morton. They are an equal team. I have to admit I like Ricky best because of his good looks, his baby blue eyes and blonde hair. I also like the way he struts as he enters the ring, especially when he shakes it. I like Robert for his good looks. He's shy and quiet. I like them both for their wrestling skills. *Nobody* can do the double dropkick like the R 'n R! It wouldn't be the same if they didn't wrestle as a team. They are the best.

So, my answer to your question is neither one is better than the other. Like all Rock 'n Roll Express maniacs say, "Rock 'n Roll is here to stay."

Tanya Hensley
Lexington, NC

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
While I was writing this letter I was reading your Aug 87 issue and I couldn't pass the article about the "so called tag team of the year" Rock 'n Roll express, and who was better, Gibson or Morton. Well, it's a tough decision. Let's compare the "tag team of the year"

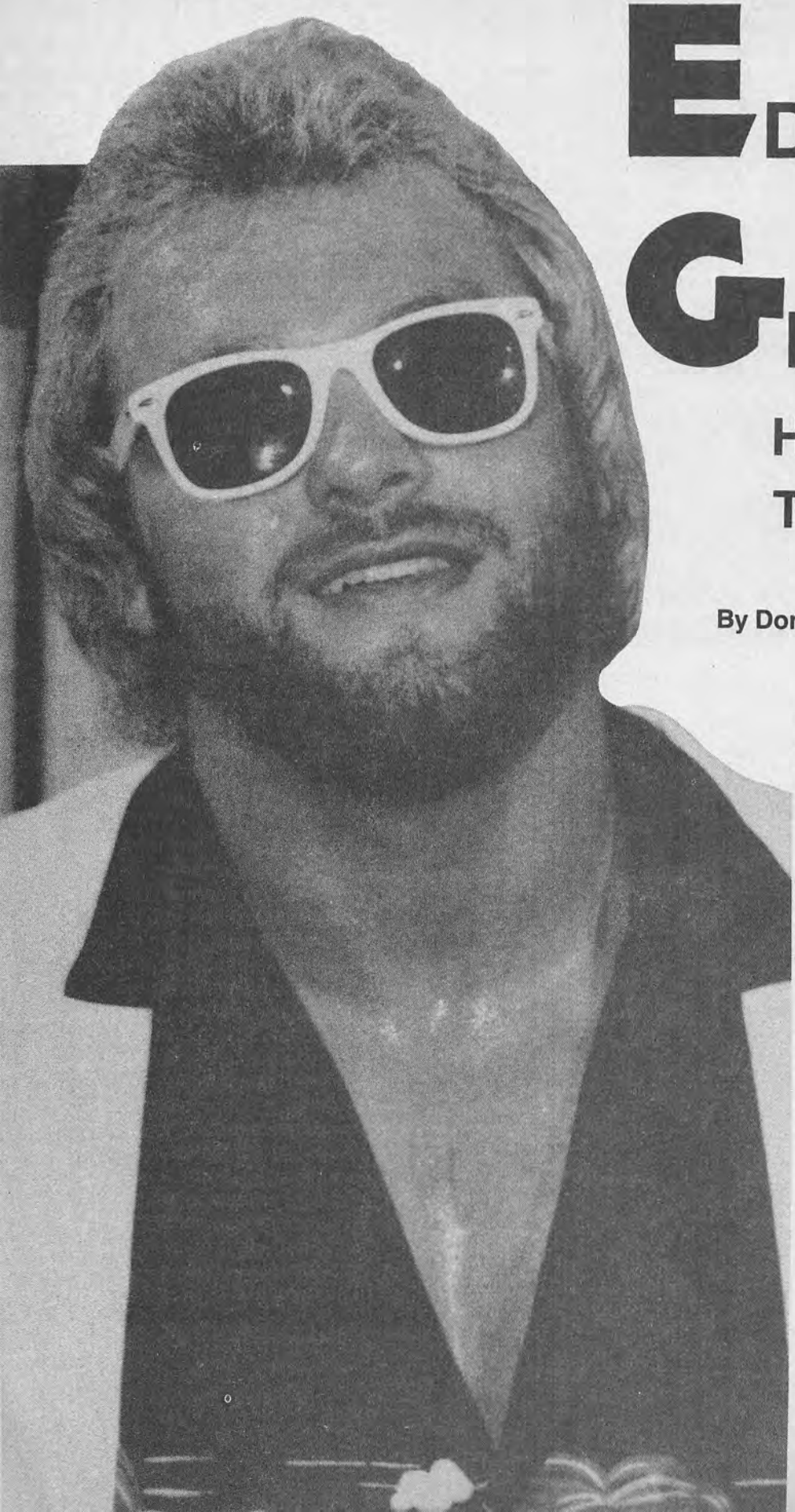
CATEGORY	MORTON	GIBSON
Strength	8.5	9.0
Agility	9.5	9.5
Speed	10.0	10.0
Finishing Move	5.0	5.0
Science	7.5	7.0
Experience	8.0	7.5
Total	48.5	48.0

I'd say Morton is better than Gibson and if you question the category Finishing Move, I gave them both a 5.0 because they both rely on the famous double dropkick.

Corey Worden
Plainfield, Ill

Dear WRESTLING EYE,
I just got through reading your article "Is Morton Better Than Gibson?" in your Aug 87 issue and I'd like to say something about that. I think both have equal talents and qualities. I think Robert is just as good as Ricky and visa versa. But, there is one thing I don't like. Everytime they have interviews, Ricky does all the talking and never shuts up long enough for Robert to say anything. If Ricky would give Robert a chance to talk, things would be different. Don't get me wrong, I like Ricky too, it's just how I feel. They're both great wrestlers. Keep on Rockin'!

Renee Jones
Nashville, NC



EDDIE GILBERT

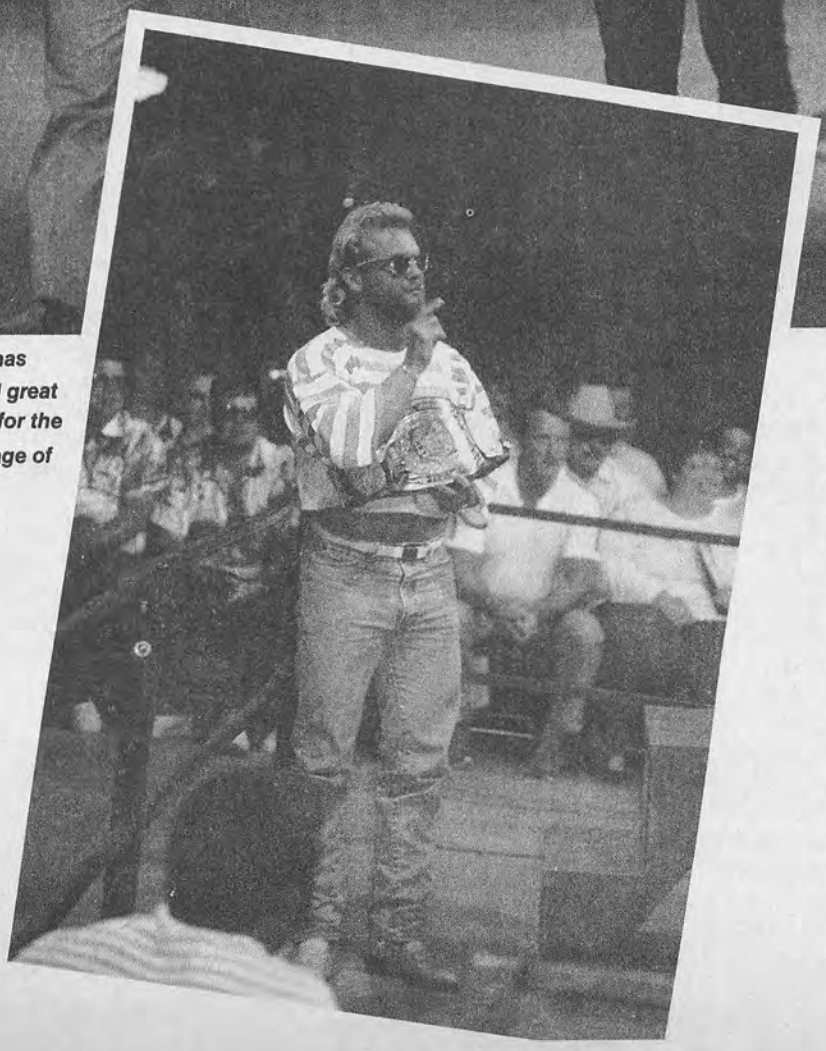
HOT STUFF IN THE UWF

By Don Laible/Photos by Bob Miller

Whether it be in the sport of wrestling or in the world of high finance, to succeed is always the primary goal. However, not only to succeed but to rise to great heights of accomplishments in a relatively short time span is not the norm, but an exception. At the tender young age of 25, there is such a case in professional wrestling. As in most instances, all the power and respect that enables one to dominate and dictate their wishes to others is what separates this individual from the rest of the pack. 'HotStuff' Eddie Gilbert, who many insiders feel is the most prominent and charismatic personality in the UWF today, fills the bill.

Since Gilbert's arrival into the Oklahoma based organization, controversy and havoc have surrounded the native of Lexington, Tennessee. Assuming a dual role as both wrestler and manager, 'HotStuff' seemingly has learned to handle both ends of the stick quite well. While guiding a stable that includes Rick Steiner and Bladerunner Sting (Gilbert and Sting once were the UWF Tag Team Champions), "Keeping the family happy at whatever cost is

Eddie Gilbert manages Sting and Rick Steiner.

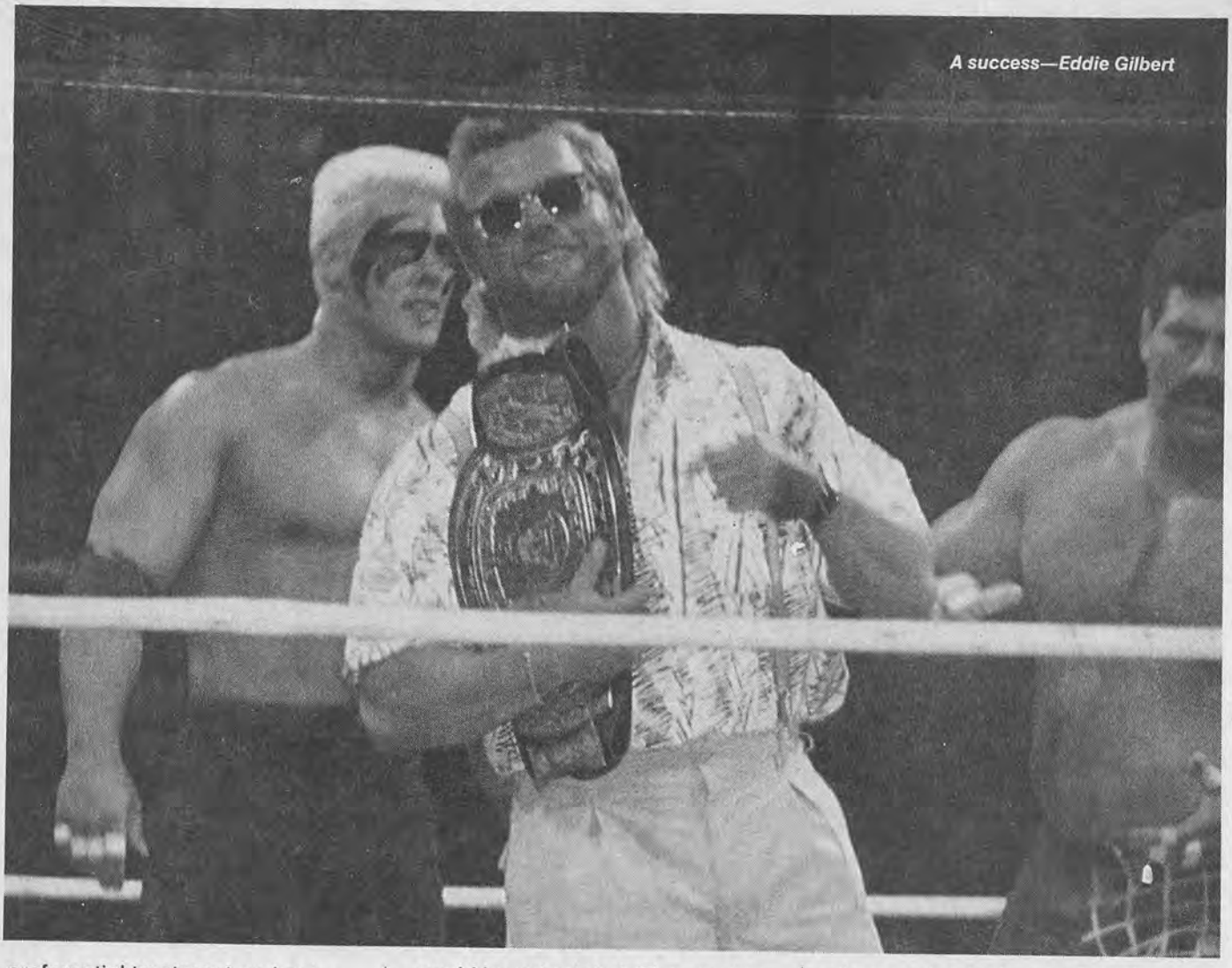


Gilbert has reached great heights for the tender age of 25.

my main objective," 'HotStuff' said during a recent interview.

It seems rather ironic that 'HotStuff' displays a deep concern, be it financial or otherwise, for his stable while at the same time is at odds with his father Tommy. The elder Gilbert is a former Junior Heavyweight Champion and currently is a top notch referee for the UWF. What started the feud that led to the break in communication between the Gilberts were some of Tommy's decisions concerning matches involving his son. Being a ring official, Gilbert, Sr. had to put personal feelings aside and be neutral in his ring actions—no matter who the participants were, even if one happened to be his son.

Perhaps 'HotStuff' expected



A success—Eddie Gilbert

preferential treatment and not unbiased results. After a few matches with his father as the referee and not getting calls the way he demanded, the 'family' split. with 'HotStuff' so outraged with his father's work, he stopped talking to his father. Tommy asked UWF officers to release him of his ring duties. After many hours of consultation, the elder Gilbert decided to stay on.

It wasn't much longer before the father-son combination would experience more problems. During a match in which 'HotStuff' and Sting defended their tag championshp against The Fantastics: Bobby Fulton and Tommy Rogers—'HotStuff' and Sting used illegal tactics, which is something common for them, to what seemed to give them the fall and more importantly regain their titles. However, UWF Officials at ringside conferred with Referee Gilbert, explained what went on, and as a result the victory was nullified and the belts held up, until a rematch could be scheduled. The way the feelings are presently between 'HotStuff' and his father, only time will tell when and if the two return to normal relations.

In the past not only has the integrity of 'HotStuff' been questioned, but his patriotism has come under scrutiny as well. One of the first to be recruited for his stable was the 6'5" 300 lb. Russian Krusher Korchenko. When asked why he would align himself with the soviet grappler, 'HotStuff' shot back with, "Our philosophies may differ, but our goals were the same—Money, power and more money."

During the past several months, 'HotStuff' has taken on a different type of partner. Missy Hyatt, a young, shapely, blonde haired, blue-eyed Floridian has joined forces with Gilbert to form the alliance of 'HotStuff' and Hyatt International.

Together 'HotStuff' and Hyatt have made a successful partnership. Much of the 'big ticket' items that most only dream of owning are their play toys. With the stable doing quite well in the ring, they are doing even better at the bank. "The more wins that my boys and I roll up the more money flows our way," comments Gilbert. With Missy's superb business sense, accompanied by 'HotStuff's' ring success, the possibility for more achievements seem endless. Destiny apparently is on their side.

When approached concerning any possible surprises that may pop up in the near future, 'HotStuff' smiled and said, "Dour. My brother will be let loose on the wrestling world very soon. He will open a lot of eyes once he debuts. You are all warned."

Greed is what seems to drive 'HotStuff' Eddie Gilbert along with Missy Hyatt and the rest of the stable to do what they have to in order to win. One observation can't be overlooked, love him or hate him, 'HotStuff' Eddie Gilbert has been and continues to be very successful.

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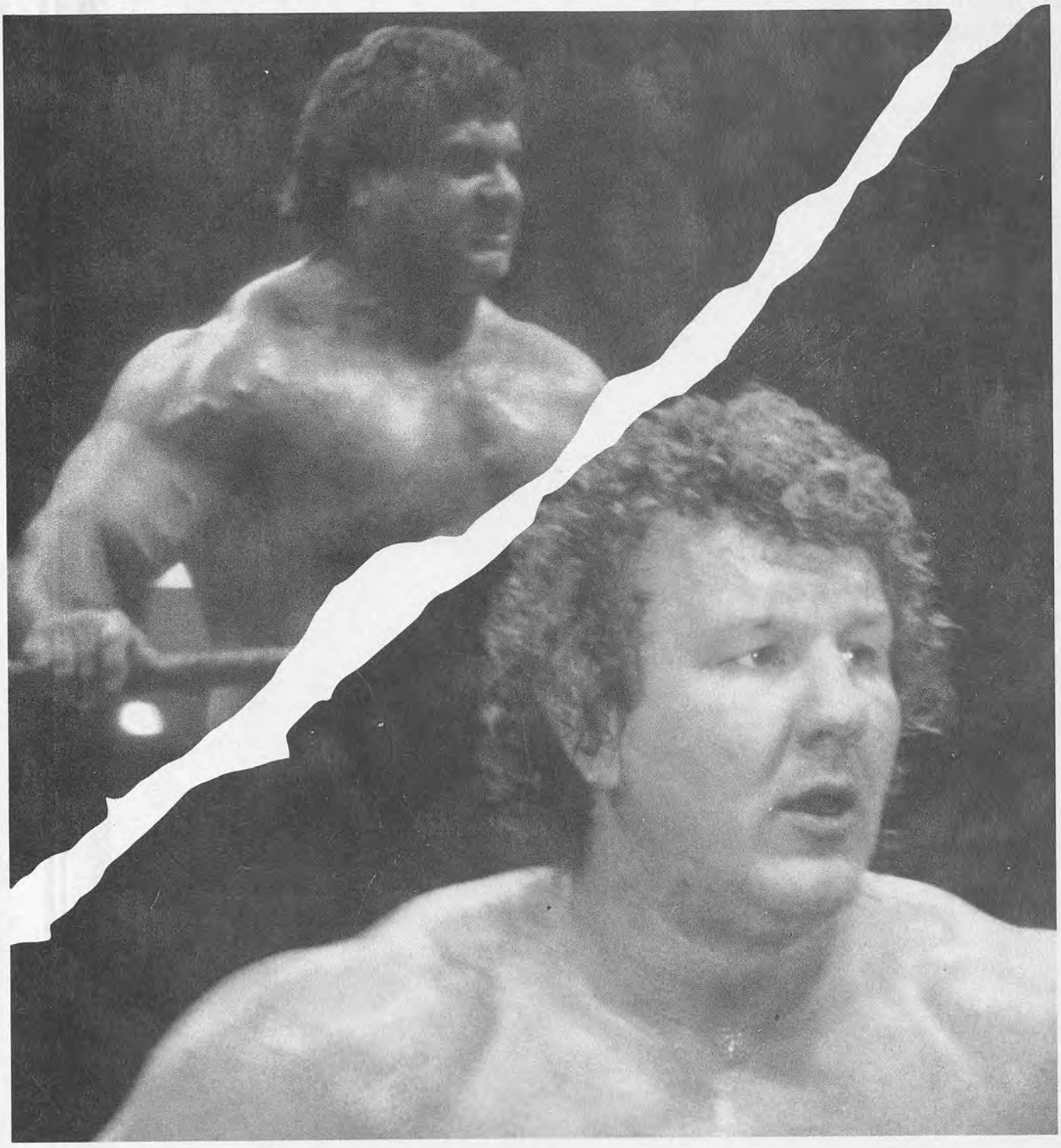
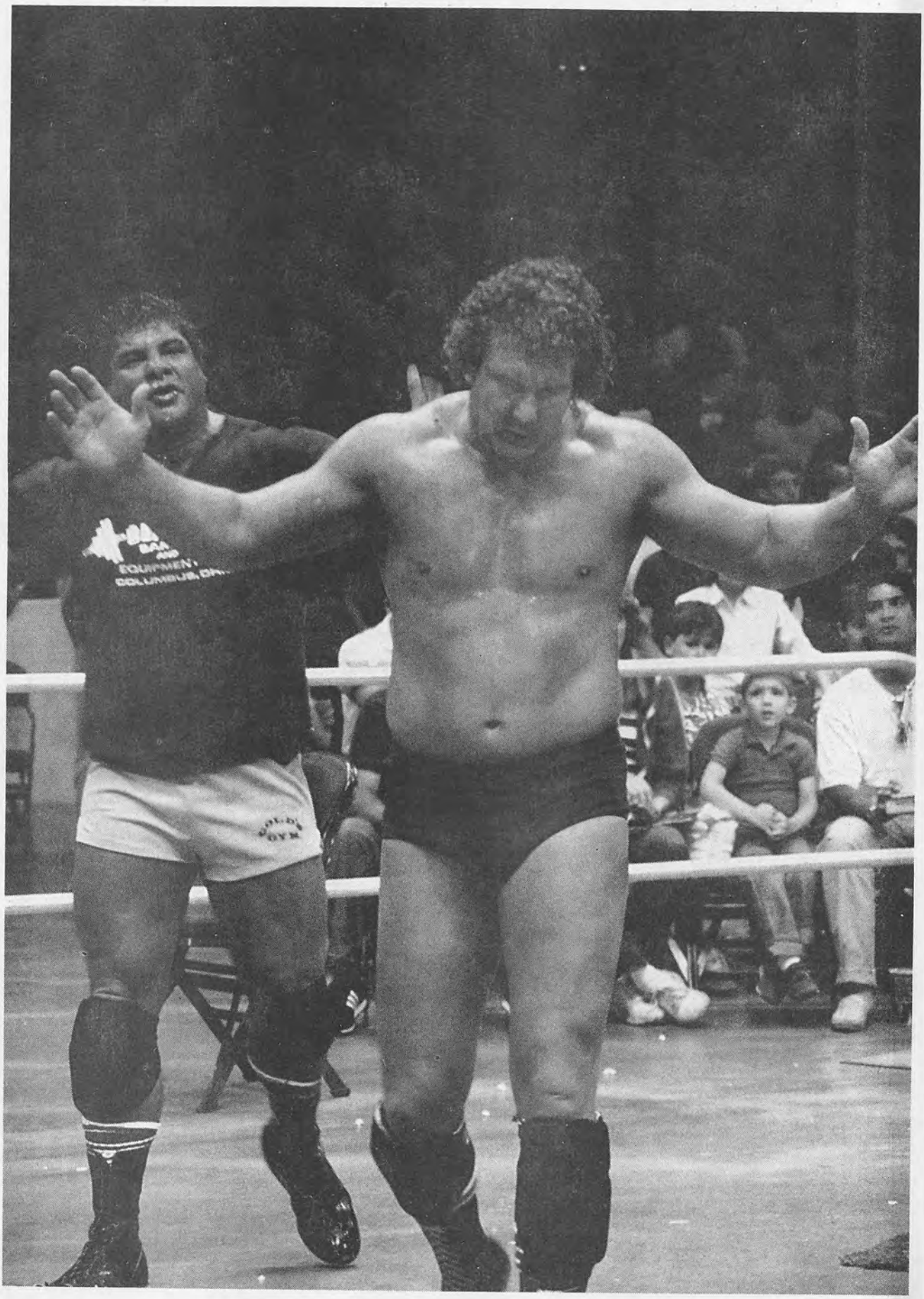


MURACO AND ORTON
A FRIENDSHIP NO MORE

By Don Liable/ Photos by Al Fanale

What happened? There were no more closer knit partners in all of professional wrestling than Don Muraco and Bob Orton, Jr. Their beliefs and friendship went deeper than what the fans saw in the ring.

For the past several years, Orton, Jr., better known throughout the arenas as 'Ace', and Muraco, simply called 'Magnificent' by his closest peers, traveled worldwide together. They seemed inseparable. The team of Muraco and Orton, Jr. without a doubt placed in the top five when it came to worldwide tag team rankings. Not that long ago the then partners had a disagreement concerning each's



Orton walks away from an arguing Don Muraco.

ring philosophies and split up. The highly successful team is no more. What makes this situation even more shocking is that they have become enemies.

No single match or issue can be fingered as the culprit leading up to the now exciting Muraco-Orton, Jr. feud. Also, no reason can be given to the fact that when the former partners clash, the fans have overwhelmingly swung their support to the 'Magnificent One'. In studying the duo, one has to ponder how did they ever get together to the point where they became like brothers? Muraco, a native of Hawaii who thoroughly enjoys riding the waves on his surfboard while on the other hand, 'Ace', who hails from Kansas City, Mo., calls horseback riding and cattle roping his hobbies, obviously these are two men with different interests. But, you know what they say—opposites attract.

A few years back, during Bob Backlund's tenure as the World Wrestling Federation Heavyweight Champion, both Orton, Jr. and Muraco were at the head of Bob's challenger's list. Muraco claimed the WWF Inter-Continental title at that time. He came away with victories over Backlund but, unfortunately for him none came by pin. Since the heavyweight championship only changes hands by pin or submission, the 'Magnificent One' reluctantly settled in the 'second banana's' slot in the WWF. At the same time Orton, Jr. scored many impressive victories over long time WWF mainstays such as: Ivan Putski, Tony Garea and Chief Jay Strongbow.

When Muraco's tenure ended as the Inter-Continental title holder, Don wanted a break from singles competition. Losing the belt bothered him. He wanted to put his mind on another goal. At the same time 'Ace,' who felt he deserved a title shot or two more than WWF officials had given him with Backlund, also began to look for new horizons.

At about the time Hulk Hogan began his term as the WWF Heavyweight Champion, 'Ace' Orton and 'Magnificent Muraco' began to train in the gym as well as on the mats together. Slowly but surely a friendship was forming. The bond that this friendship would flourish to certainly went to heights greater than either man would later admit they had ever thought it would.

It wasn't until the last two years that Orton and Muraco became virtually inseparable. At one point, before their parting, both men demanded tag team contracts only. They were almost to the point of being obsessed with winning the tag straps that they didn't want to see any offers calling for singles matchups. That goes to show you just how deep they felt about their partnership. Passing up possible shots with Hogan and the big pay checks that go along with the offers is something most won't get, let alone pass up!

The demise between the two who no longer call one another a friend began a few months back. Matches with such high caliber teams as The Can-Am Connection: Rick Martel and Tom Zenk, The Killer Bees: B. Brian Blair and Jim Brunzell, The Islanders: Haku and Tonga (before they were managed by Bobby Heenan) and The British Bulldogs: The Dynamite Kid and Davey Boy Smith didn't quite pan out the way that they had anticipated. During meeting these teams on several occasions, Muraco and Orton, Jr.'s timing appeared to be off.

Recently, in Utica, New York while taking on the British Bulldogs, Muraco and Orton, Jr.'s ring action resembled that of the famous 'Keystone Cops'. It seemed as if they spent more time banging into one another and acted unsure of each others anticipated move, something they once were so sure of, that Muraco finally had enough and slugged the 'Ace', walked out of the ring, shook hands with his opponents and went back to the dressing room alone, forfeiting the match. What caused Don to stop in mid-route and turn was the near deafening applause the fans gave him. Muraco was obviously dumbfounded. The cheering and smiling faces, meant for him, was something he wasn't accustomed to. Muraco's acceptance by the fans visibly enraged 'Ace' to the point of taking the microphone from the ring announcer and issuing a public challenge to his now former friend and partner.

The breakup still has fans con-

There was dissention in the ranks.

fused. Questions such as who should they trust, what can they expect from the two men and is there a chance of reconciliation in the near future are what is circulating through arenas these days. Perhaps only the grapplers simply known as 'Magnificent' and 'Ace' can supply the answers. However, it's the fans who will benefit from this new-found feud.

For years, the paying customers have looked for the day that these two men would take a good beating or two for all the dirty tricks they have pulled. What could be sweeter than the two slugging it out with one another!

Muraco was always a little abnormal when it came to the action inside the ring.

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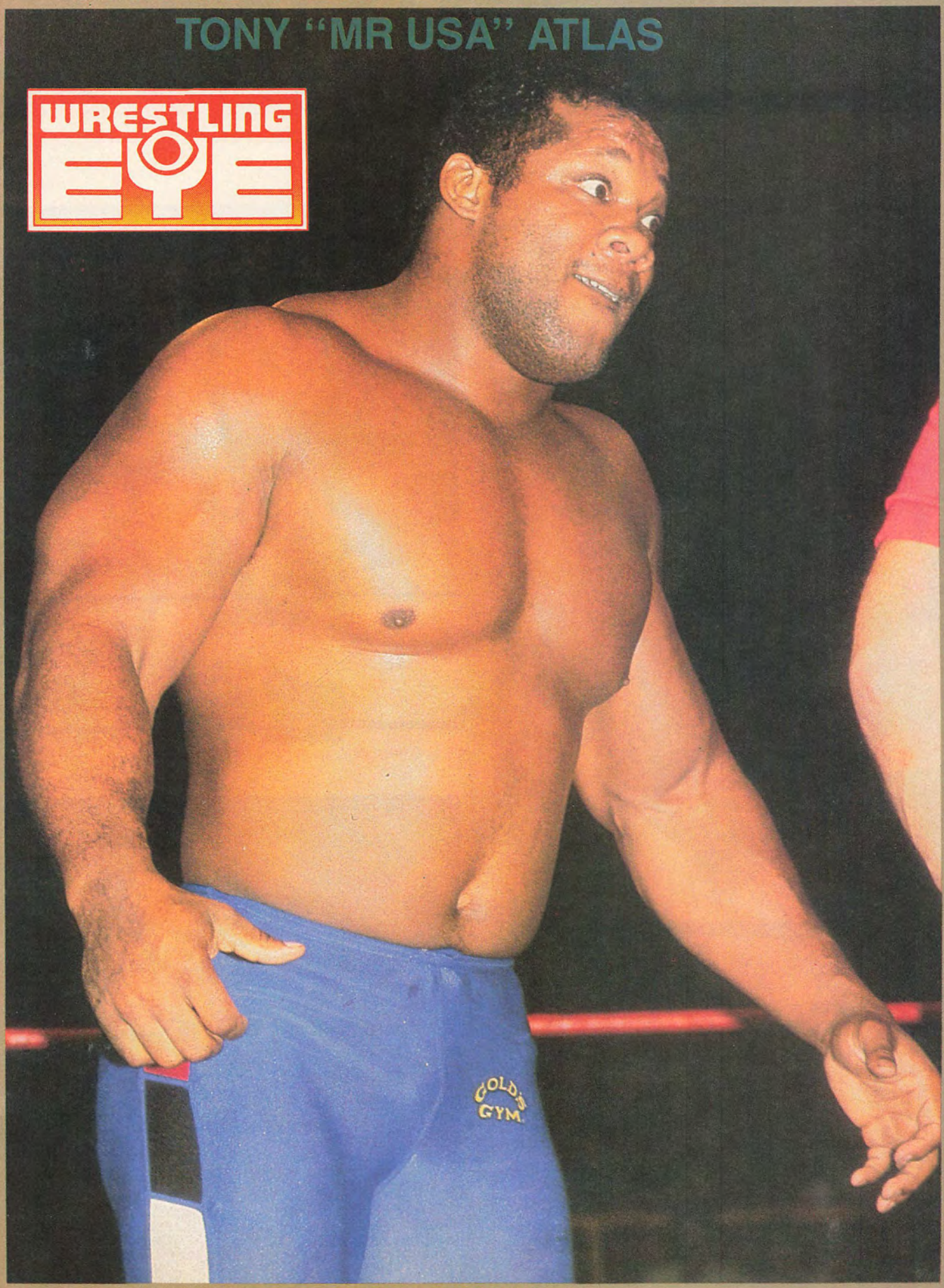

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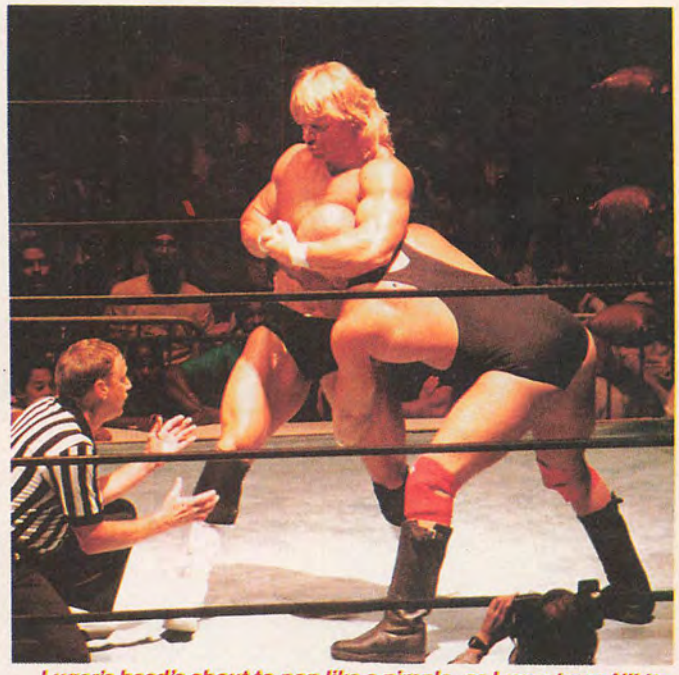
Luger here shoves that no good flabby 'Commie,' Nikita Koloff.

Luger overpowers one half of the so-called 'SuperPowers' with an armbar.

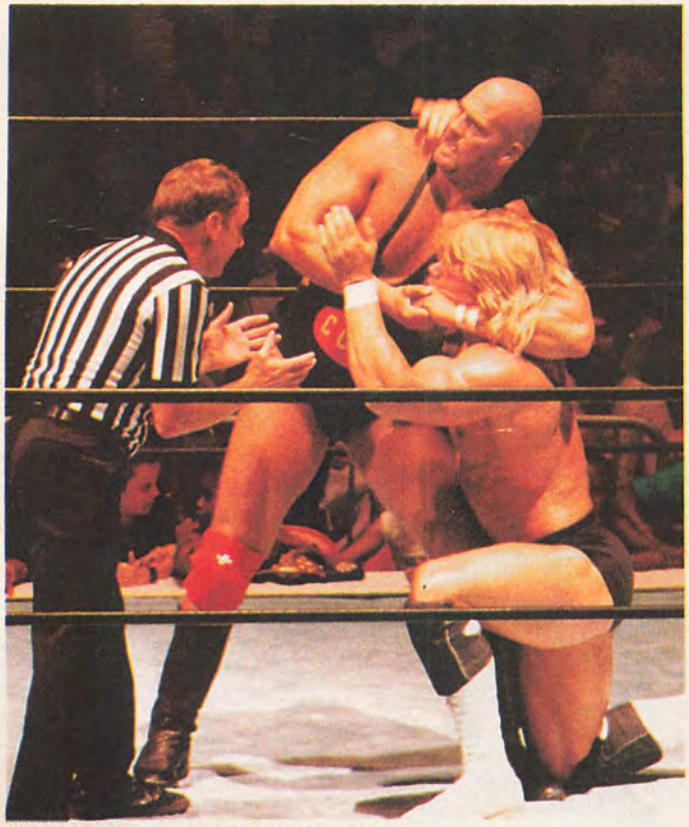
THE MONTH

By Carmine DeSpirito

The 'Commie' is on his knees as All American Lex Luger wrings his Nikita's arm.



Luger's head's about to pop like a pimple, as Luger traps Nikita in his monstrous grip.



'Commie' Nikita, reverses the headlock.

Lex Luger, member of the Four Horsemen 'kills a Commie for Mommy' and is victorious.

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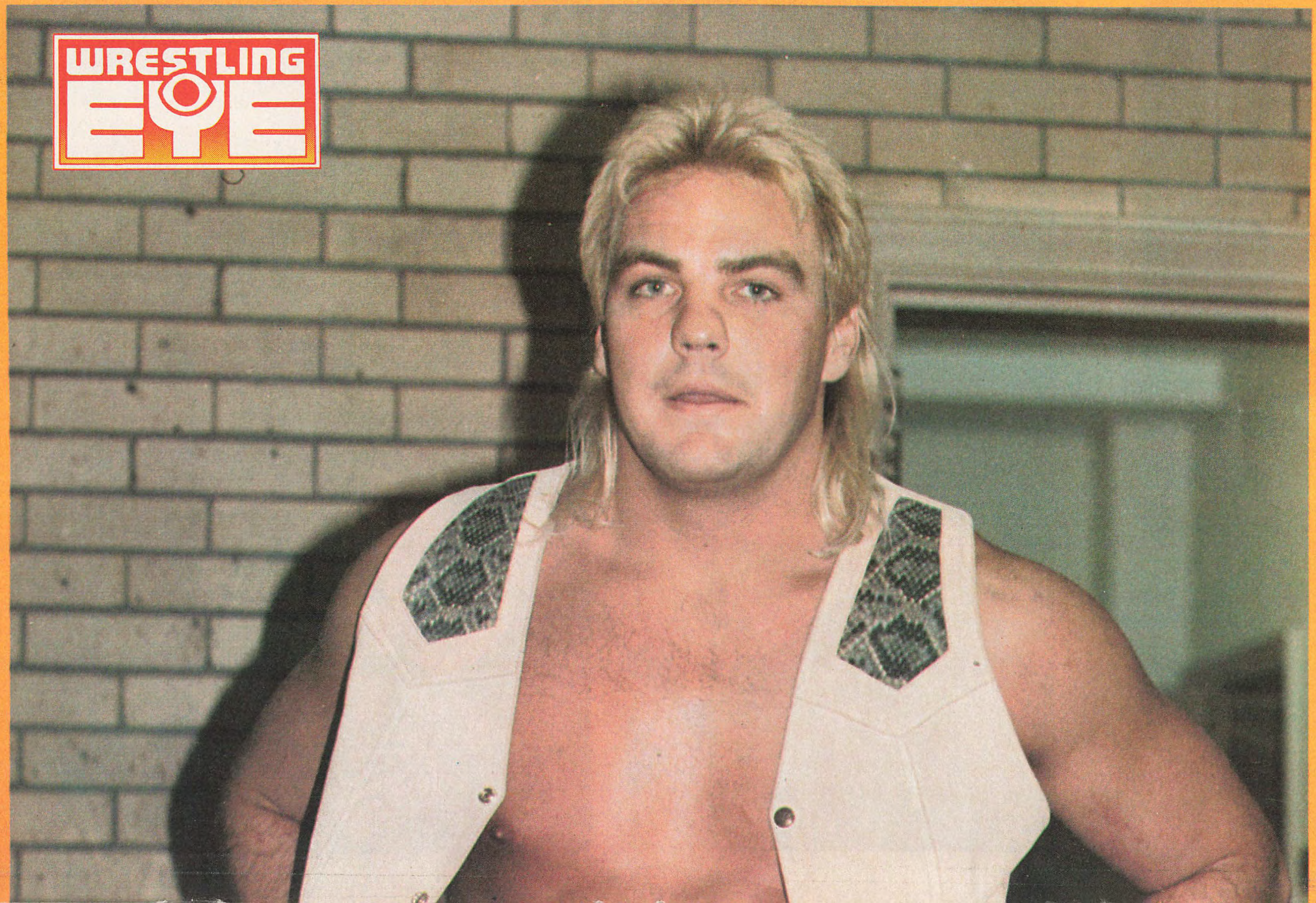

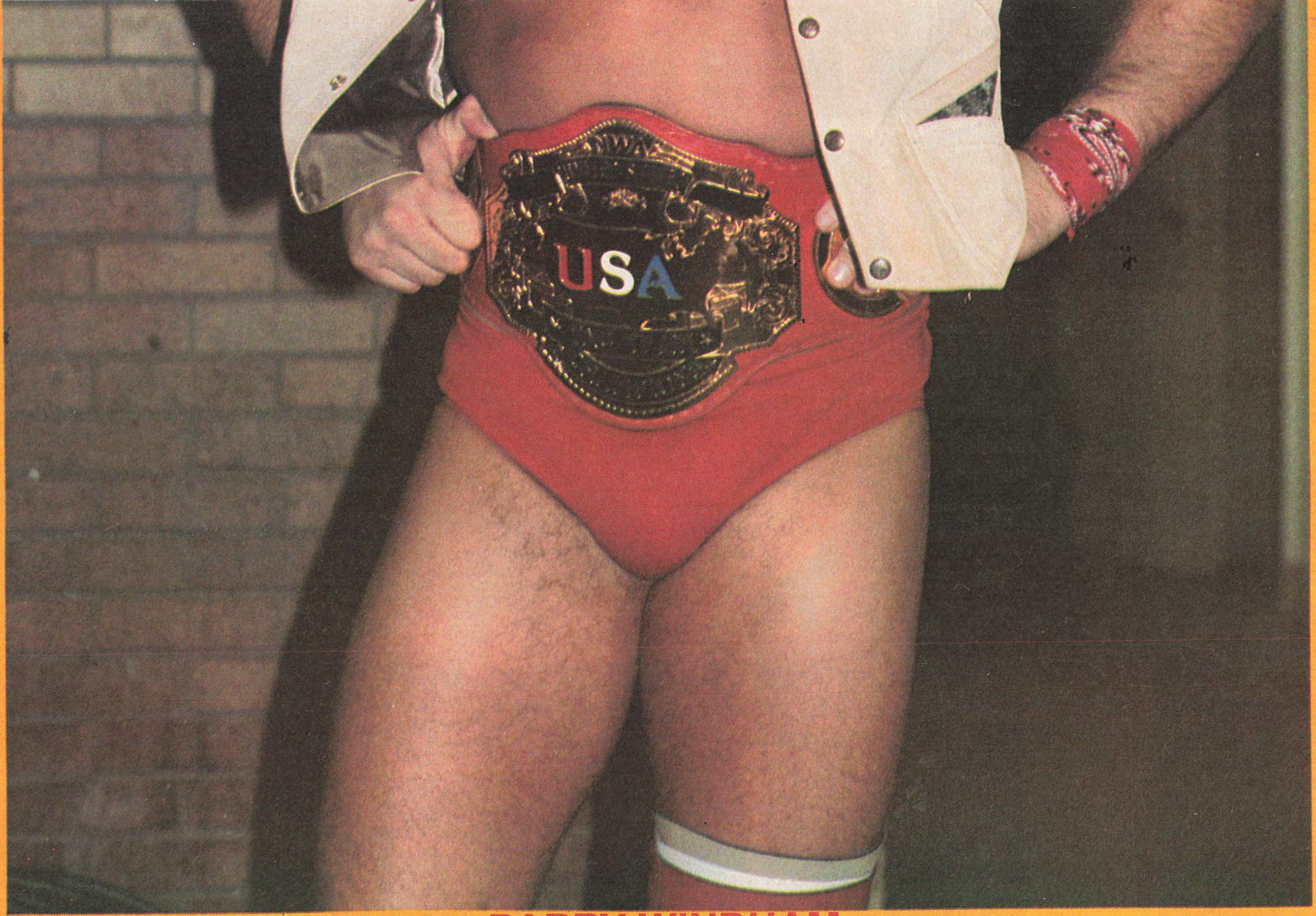

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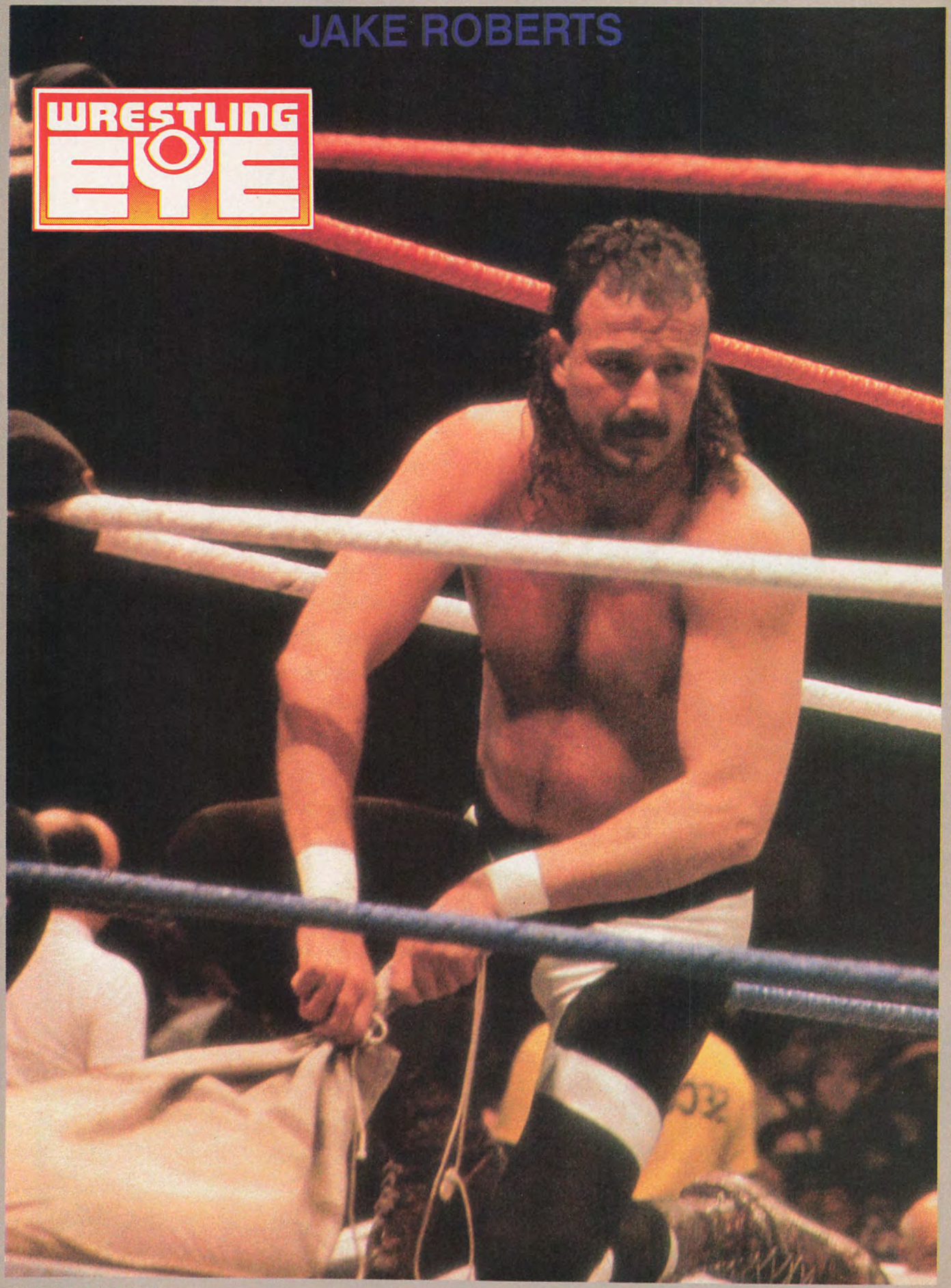

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ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

RIC RUDE
THE RAVISHING ONE

Photos by Michael C. Nelson

Ravishing, simply ravishing, that's been Ric Rude's nickname since his debut in 1981. Rude or his real name "rood" started his athletic career as a successful arm wrestler. Because of his tremendous physique and stunning good looks, Ric felt arm wrestling was simply a waste and went to Ed Sharkey, wrestling instructor to such stars as the Road Warriors, Bob Backlund, Jesse Ventura etc.

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"Rude had the best body of any of my students. He also has a little

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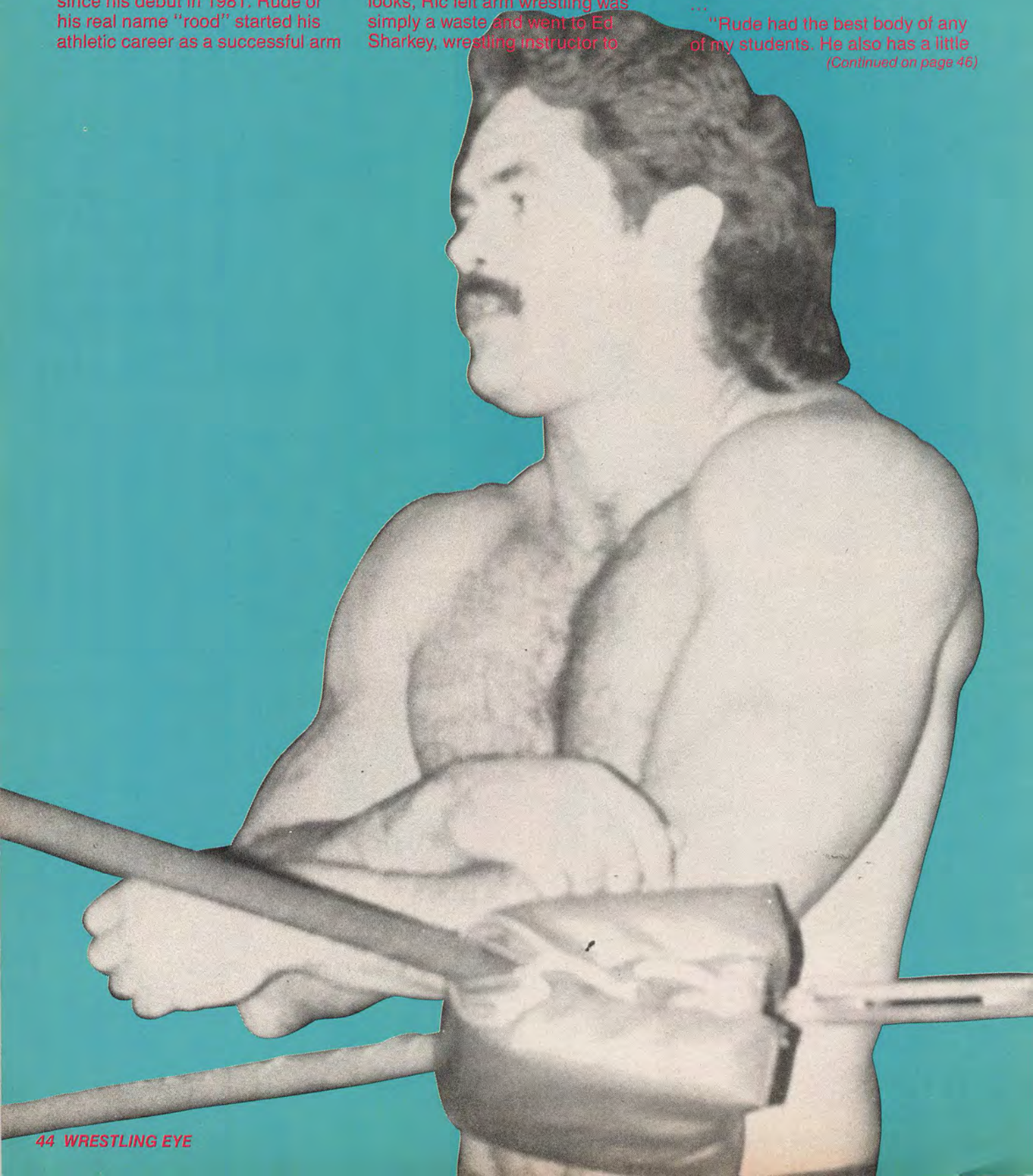
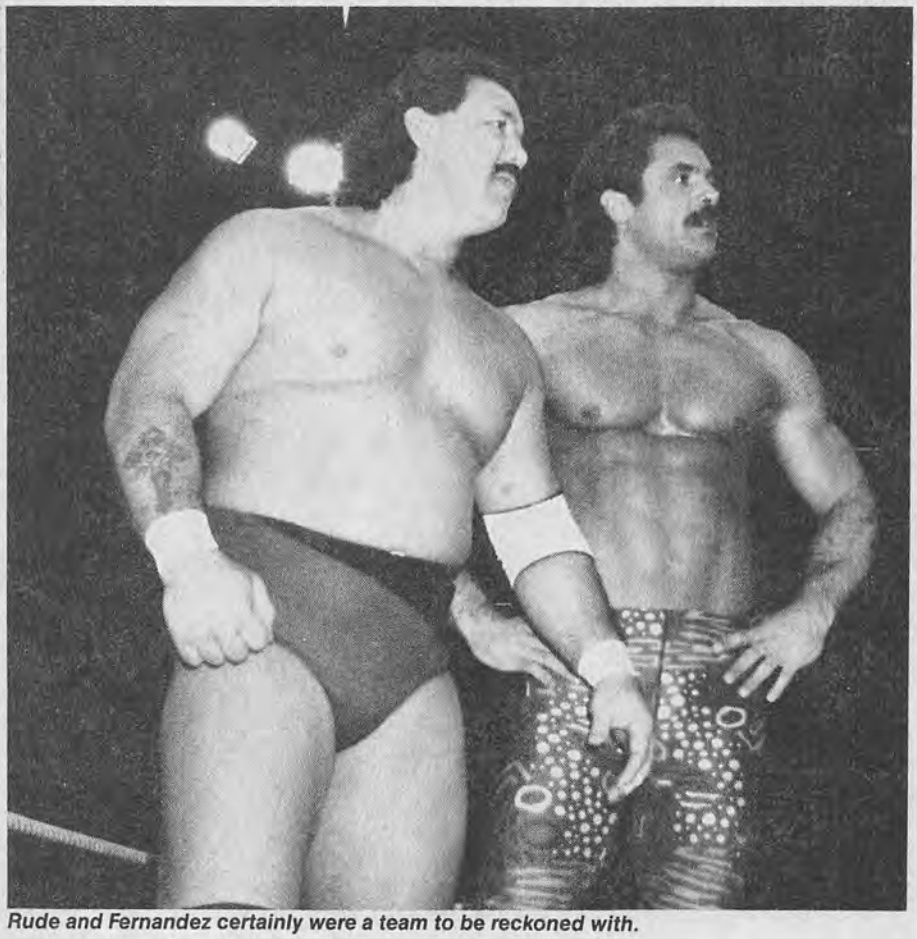


Rude gives Robert Gibson a hard time.



Rude and Fernandez certainly were a team to be reckoned with.

Rude likes to have a belt around his waist.

more toughness and roughness than even the Road Warrior. I could tell Ric was going to be something in this sport," Sharkey stated. Ric Rude started wrestling for Georgia Championship Wrestling. He only stayed with them for about a year because he barely tipped the scales at 190 pounds. He went back into training and came out looking like the Ric Rude of today. "Twenty-two inch arms and not twenty-two inch imitation steroid pumped arms like that chump Hogan. I'm lean, I'm mean and I'm going to be the handsomest, sexiest champion ever to wear that champion belt around my waist," Ric said.

When asked about his past wrestling experience with the NWA where Rude gained much of success and also where he gained the World Tag Team title along with Manny Fernandez, Ric stated, "All those other wrestling organizations were minor league with little, cute, blonde wrestlers (guess he means Ricky Morton) who couldn't wrestle their way out of a paper bag. I'm now in the big league with the big boys. This is where it's at and right now, with me here, I'm where it's at," the Ravishing One stated.

During his career, Rude has been managed by such profound managers as Percival Pringle III, Paul Jones and now his most recent manager, Bobby "the Brain" Heenan. "The Brain is the best," Ric said. "All those other managers were losers and I got nowhere with them. I'm here in the WWf, the best wrestling organization in the world today with Bobby "the Brain" Heenan. I have no doubt in my mind that with Bobby's brains and my brawn, by 1988, I will be WWF World Heavyweight Champ. Chump Hogan look out. There's a handsomer, sexier, more skilled wrestler on the block. Oh yes, the Ravishing One, Ric Rude is here to stay."

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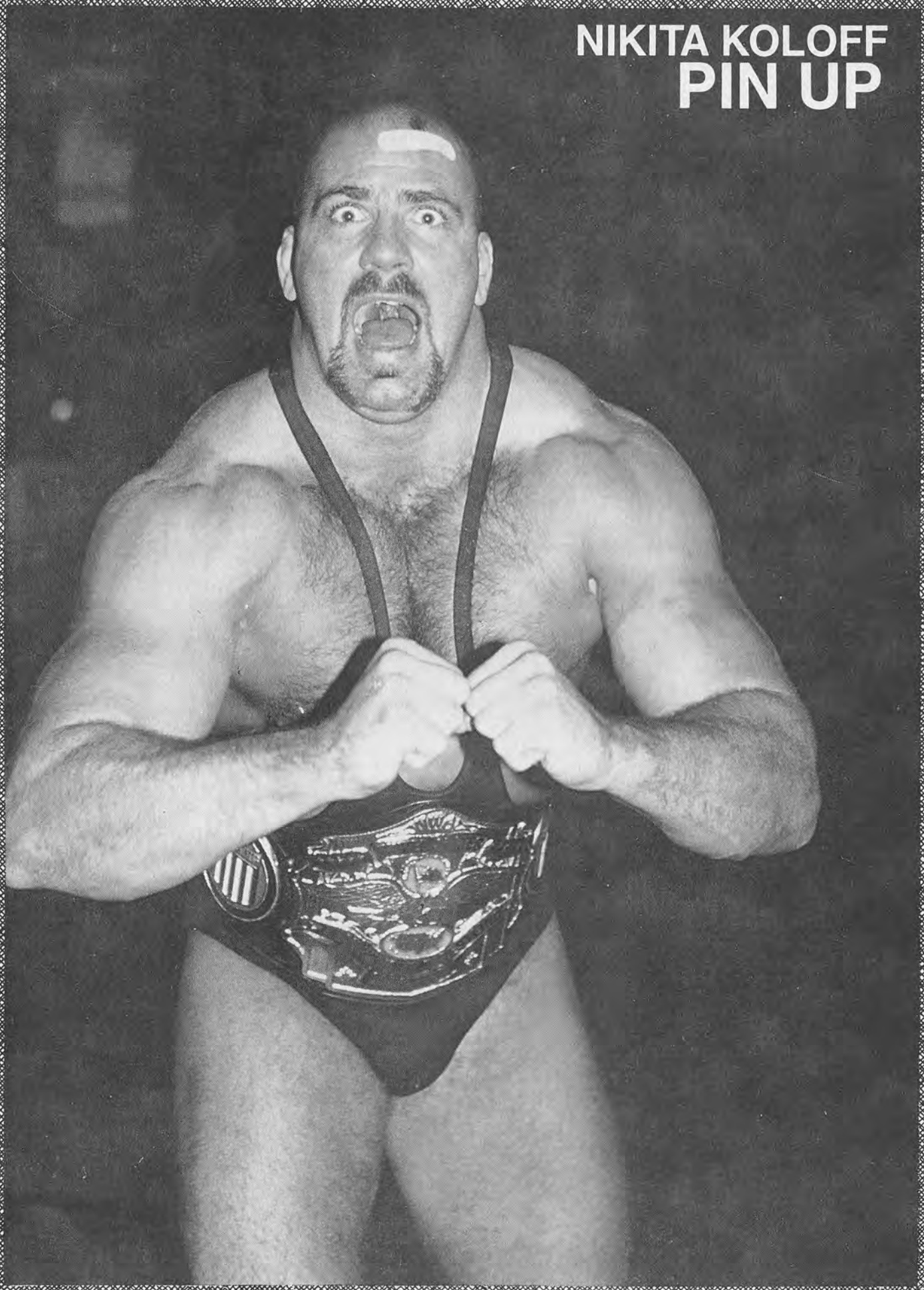

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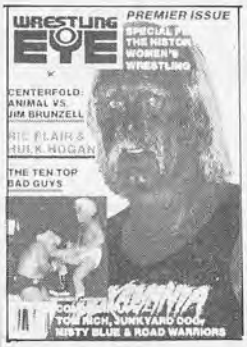

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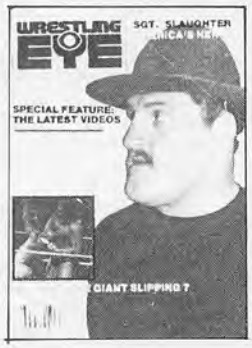

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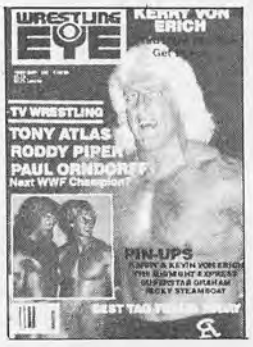

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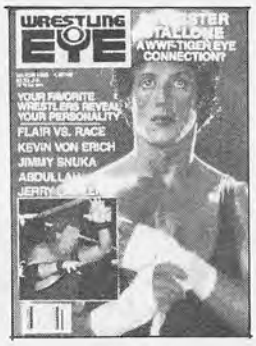

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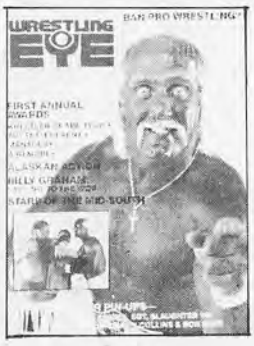

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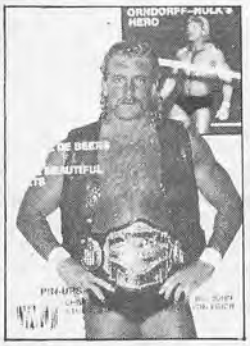

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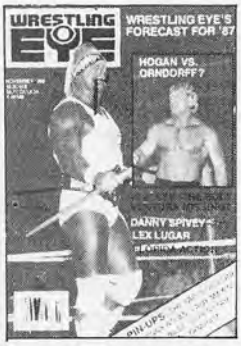

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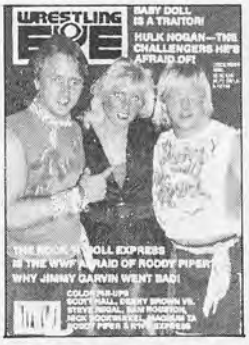

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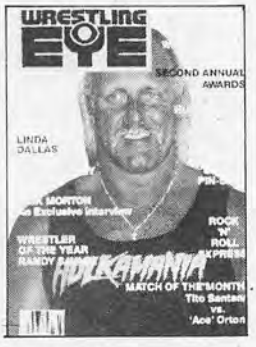

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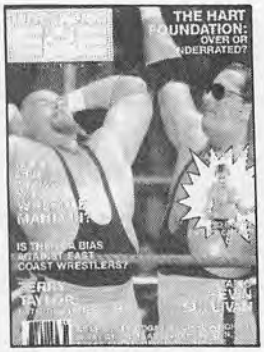

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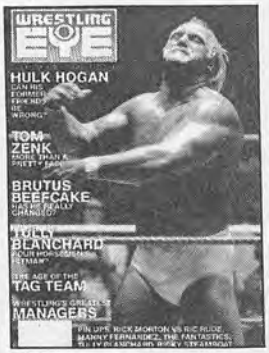

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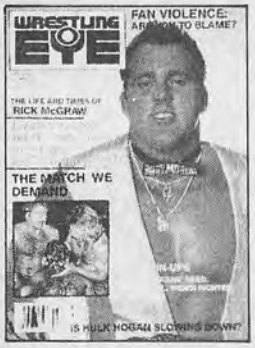

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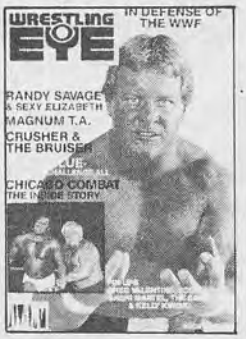

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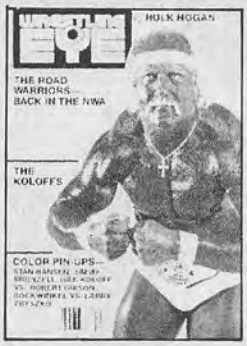

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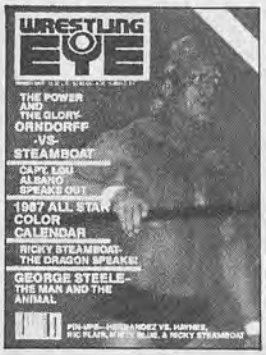

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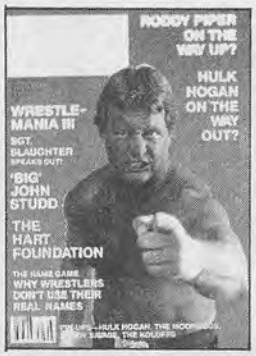

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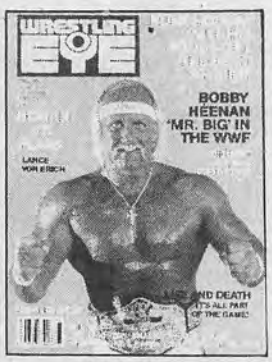

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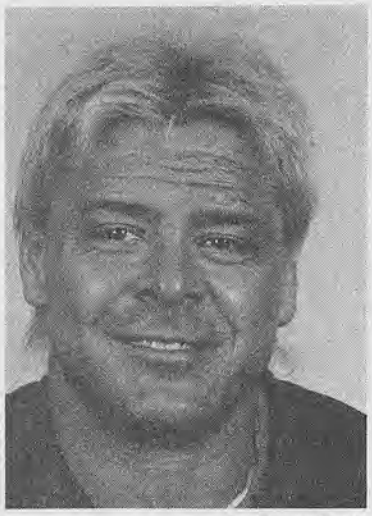

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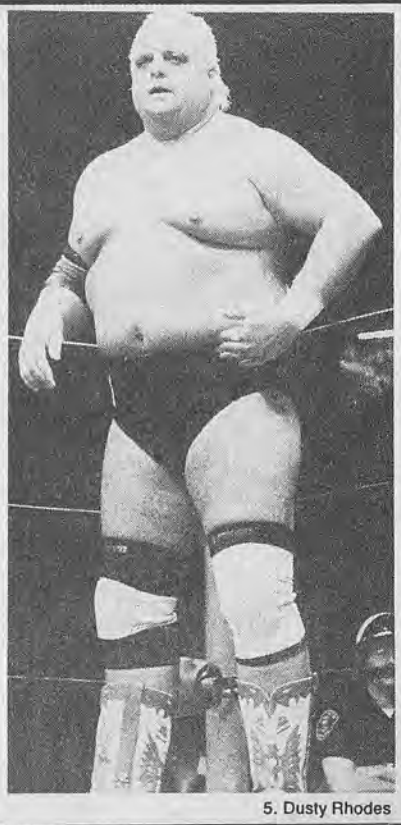

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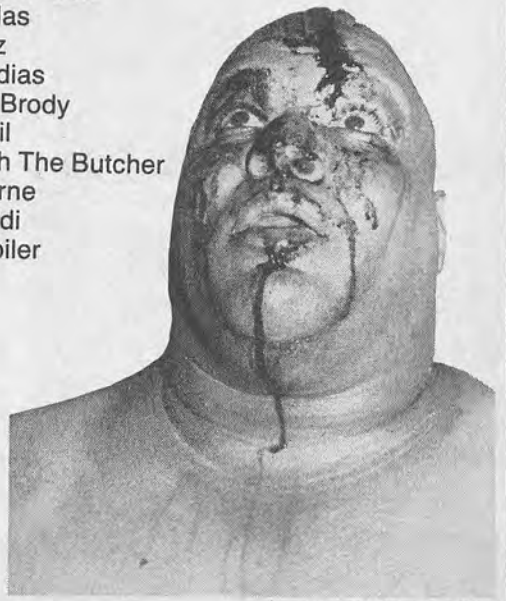

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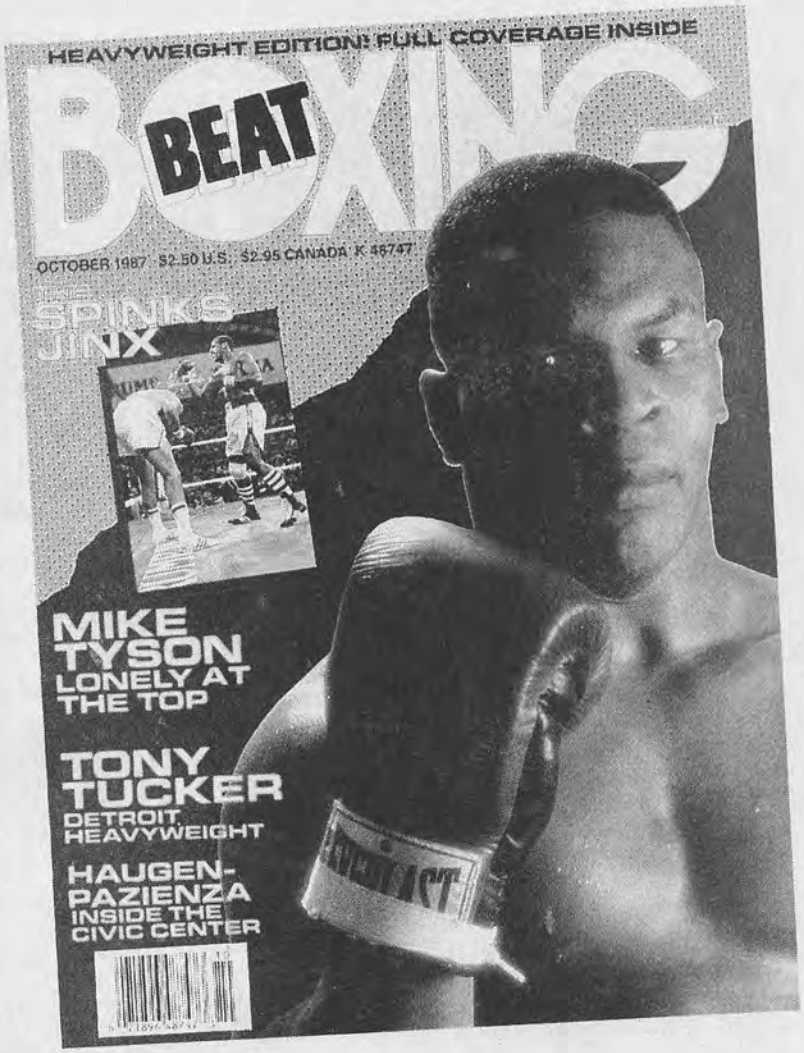

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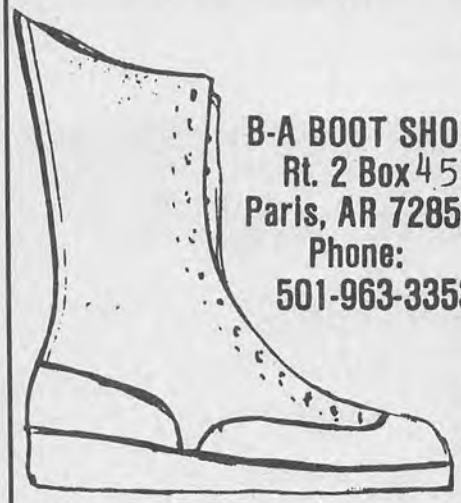

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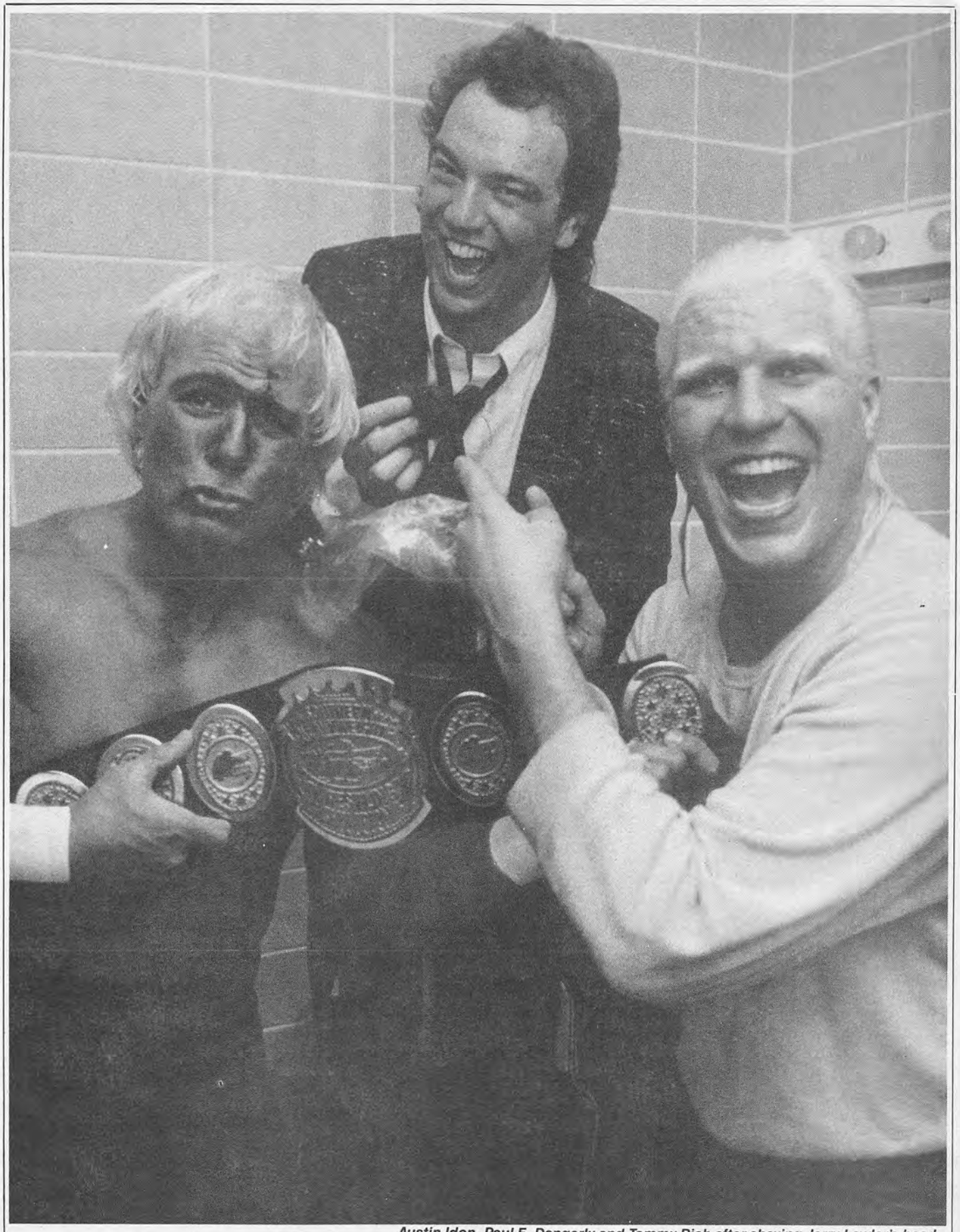

Austin Idon, Paul E. Dangerly and Tommy Rich after shaving Jerry Lawler's head.

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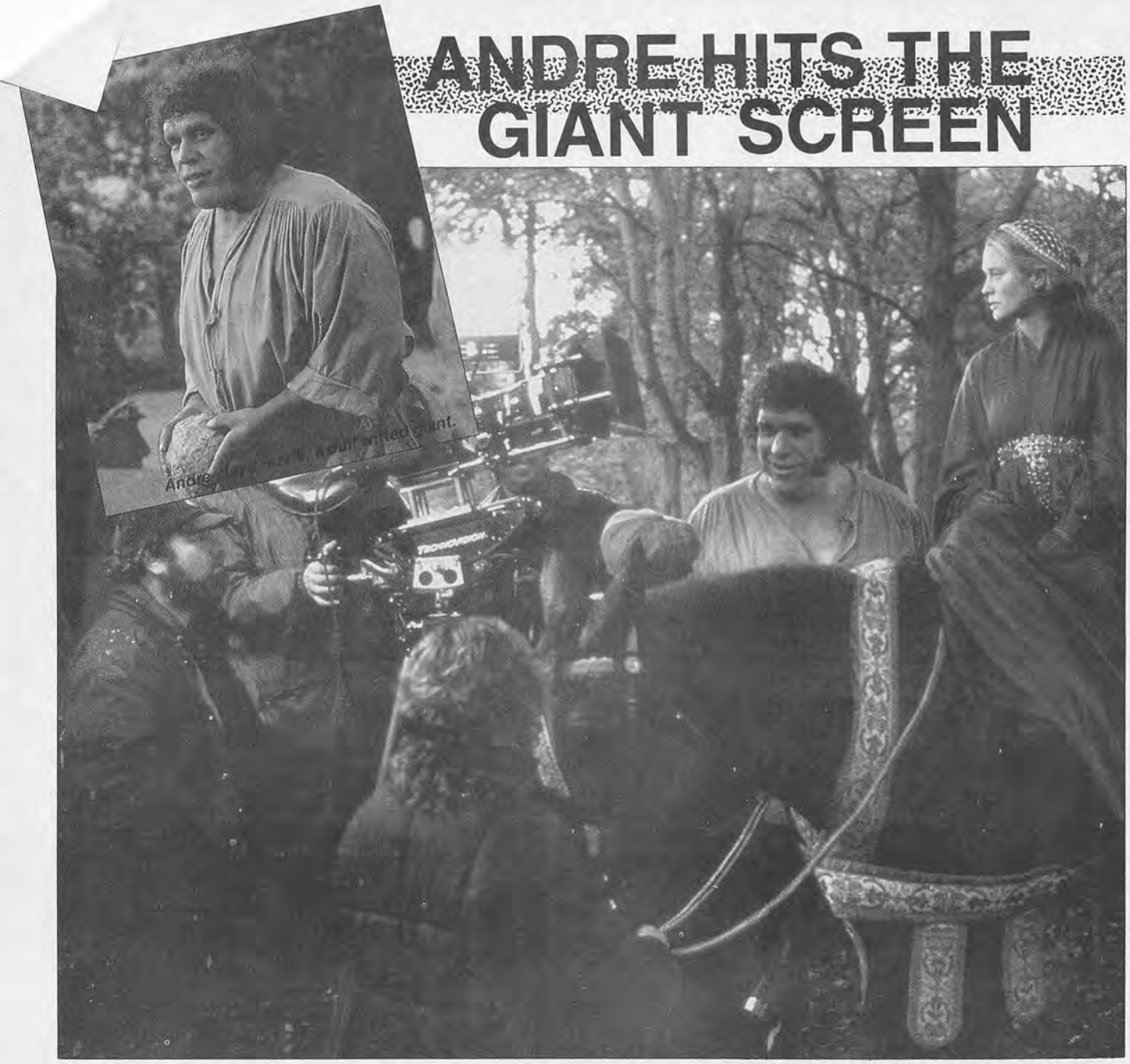
ANDRE HITS THE GIANT SCREEN



A movie set is a bit different than a wrestling ring.

By J.M. Whitney
Photos by Clive Coote Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

After Wrestlemania III, Andre the Giant will once again enter the public eye in the Twentieth Century Fox release entitled "The Princess Bride," a spirited, comic tale of true love and high adventure directed by Rob Reiner. Without giving too much of the film away, Andre plays Fezzik, a dull witted, but good hearted giant who helps the bad guys capture the princess, but later has a change of heart and sides with the good guys. "The Princess Bride" is a fairy tale that comes to life when a young boy's grandfather, visits his ailing grandson and promises to read him a story that will fulfill his desire to hear a grand tale.

Andre's role in the movie is slightly different from his role in wrestling, where recently he went from good to bad. In "The Princess Bride," he goes from bad to good. Judging from the bio received from 20th Century Fox, Andre just may go from bad to good in the ring as well, because it was stated that Andre will indeed return to the wrestling ring after completion of the film. For months now, we've heard rumors of Andre's retirement due to illness or various other farfetched reasons, yet Andre's bio promises he will return to the ring. We'll have to wait and see what comes to pass.

Poor Hulk Hogan, he really seems strapped to his belt now more than ever. He has been unable to make the move into films which has been a long time goal of his. This becomes more and more evident as we watch wrestler after wrestler make the transition to the big screen, while Hogan remains like his cartoon character seen on Saturday mornings. One has to wonder what would have happened if Andre would have defeated Hulk Hogan at Wrestlemania. Would Hulk be the one seen in glorious technicolor, while Andre defended the heavyweight belt

night after night? We'll never know. Sure, Hulk was seen in a "Rocky" film, but that single appearance which increased his popularity also created the hard situation he's in now. It looks like the Hulkster will have to make some choices soon. On the other side of the coin, Andre has put together a formidable list of TV and film appearances. He has been in six films to date and they include: "Micki and Maude" with Dudley Moore and guest spots on the "Six Million Dollar Man," the "Bionic Woman," "BJ and the Bear" and "The Fall Guy." In the film "The Princess Bride," Andre costars with Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandan, Peter Falk, Carol Kane, and Billy Crystal. This is an impressive cast in what promises to be an impressive film, so look for it in theaters everywhere in December.

Andre certainly looks impressive on the screen.

The many faces of Andre the Giant.

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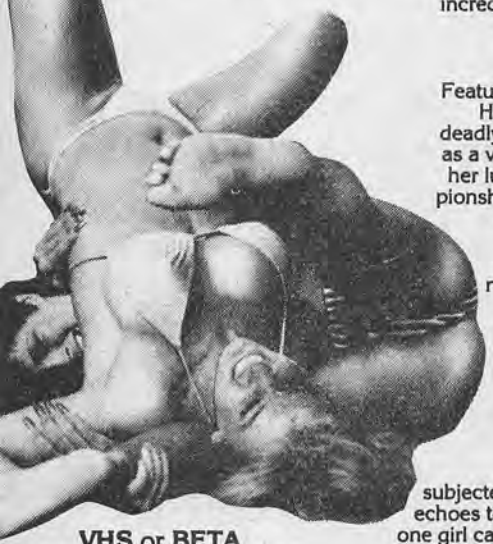

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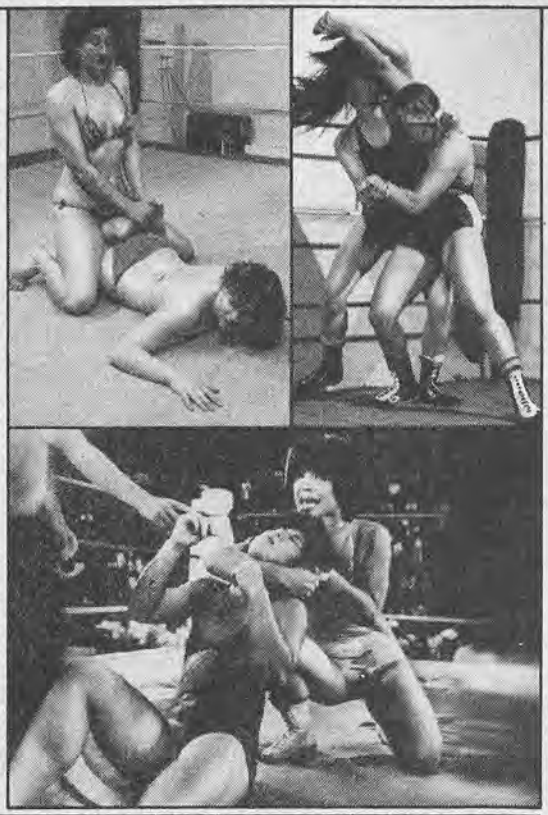

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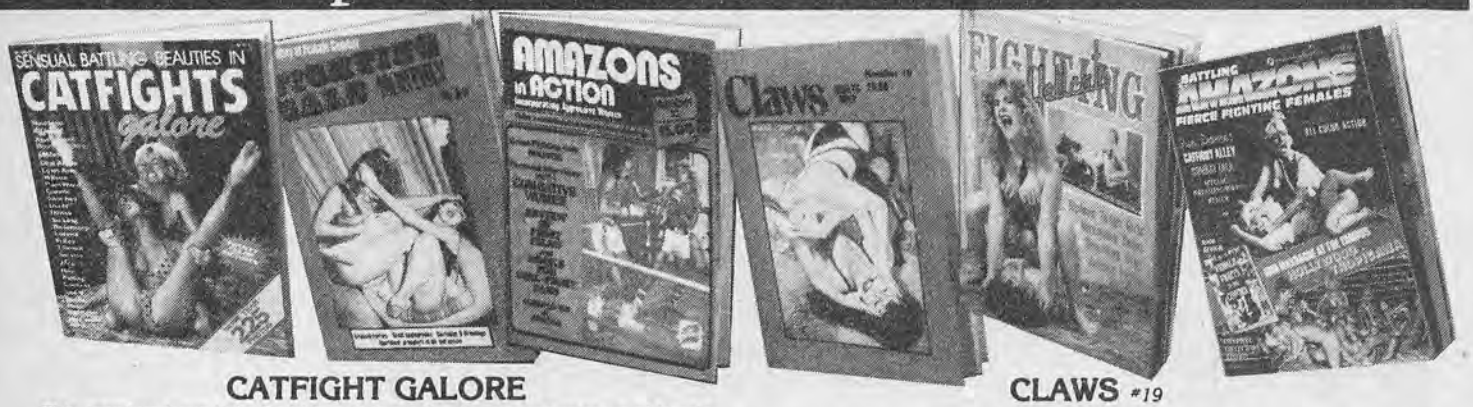

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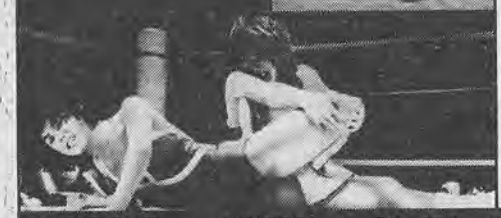

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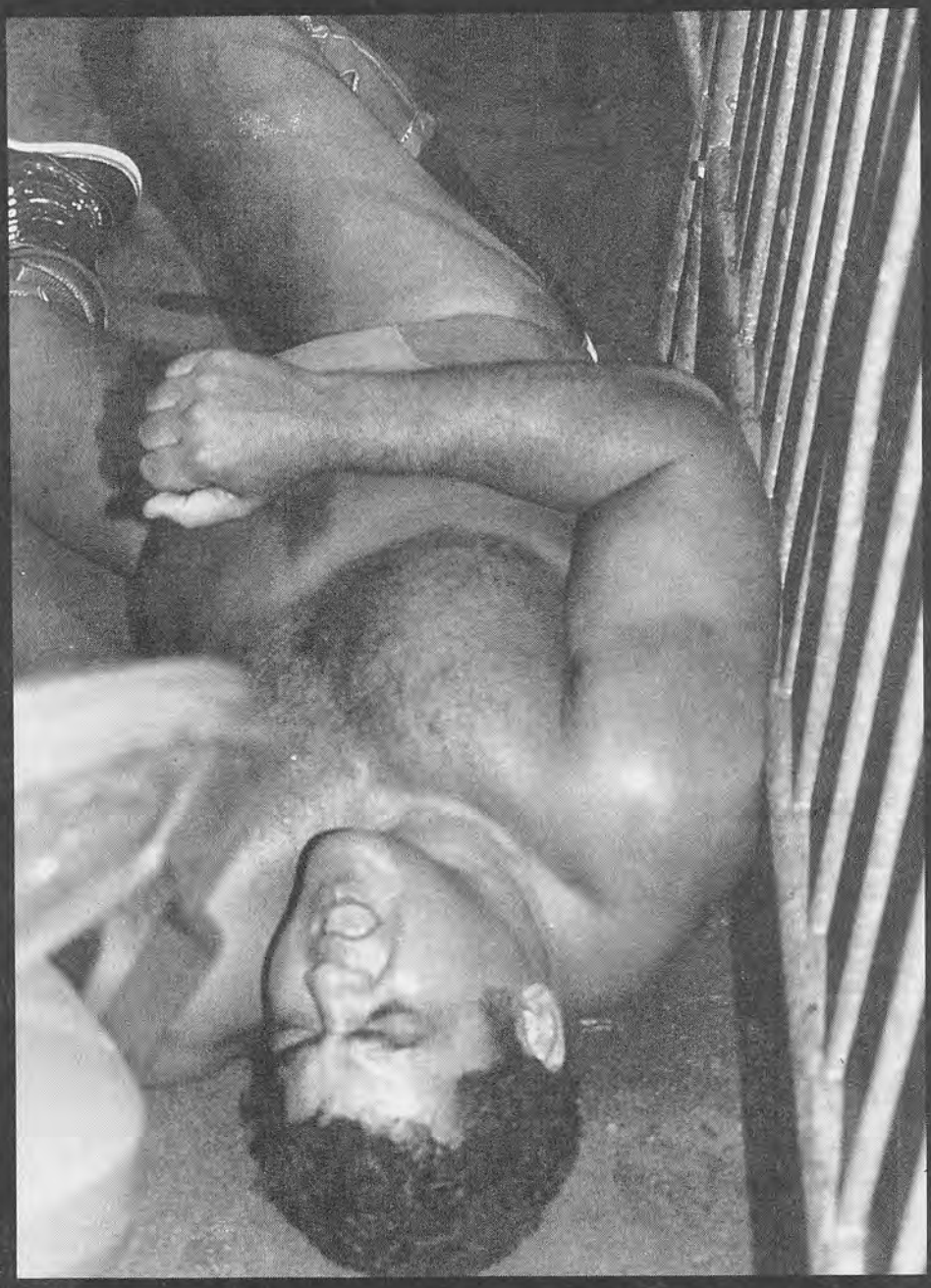
PHANTOM of the ring

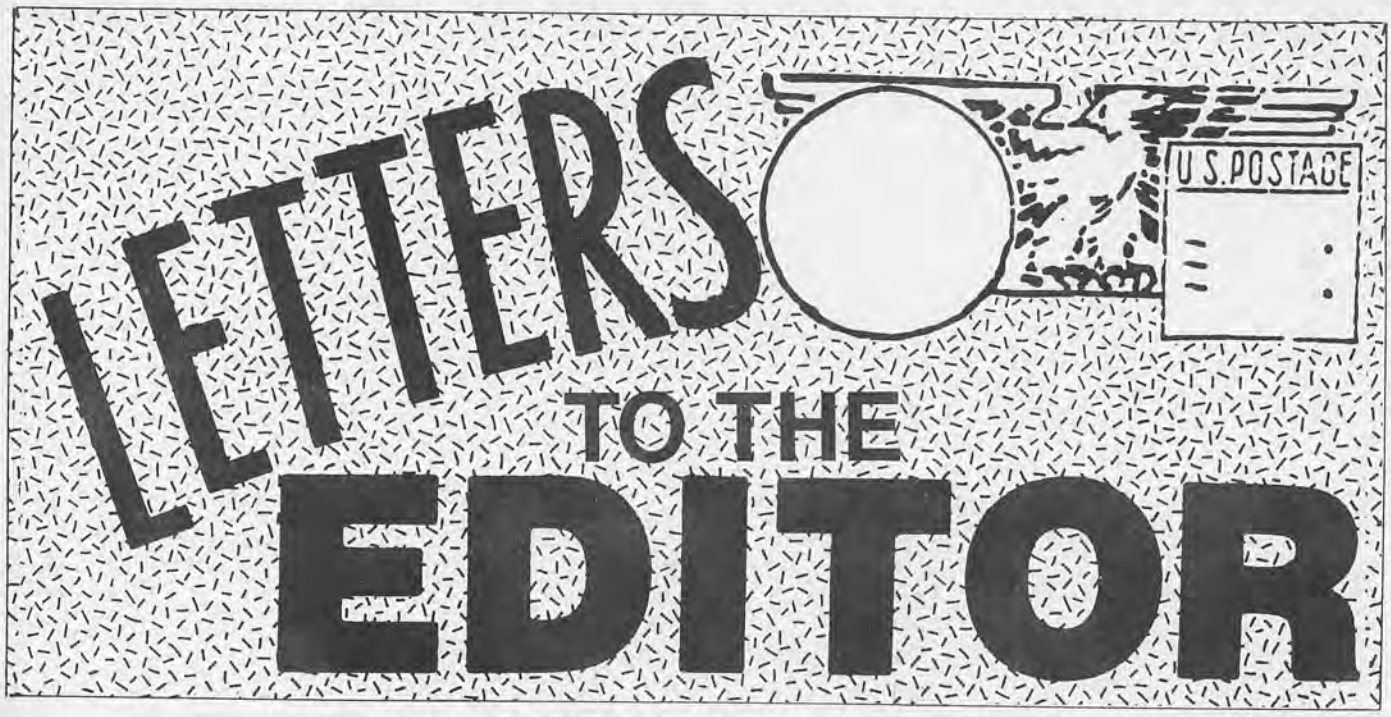
Not much earth-shattering news this month. But the column must go on. Well, it's nice to see Sean Royal return to the ring after his auto accident. By the time you read this, Chris Champion will have returned also. Hopefully, he can wrestle the same as he used to, and be hampered with an injury for the rest of career like the Dynamite Kid...Bob Giegel, so-called president of the National Wrestling Alliance returned to the ring in August for matches with Rip Rogers. I've been told Giegel is about 63 years of age...'The Purple Haze' Mark Lewin, is now in the World Wrestling Federation. I wonder if Kevin Sullivan is far behind? ...Tom Pritchard is in the W.W.F. now, and it's a good idea because the W.W.F. don't have any pretty boy wrestlers since losing Tom Zenk. Pritchard is a good choice because he's an excellent wrestler and a hard worker. One thing that gave Pritchard the edge to wrestle in the W.W.F. is that his brother works in the W.W.F. Titan offices... Ric Flair has just returned from a tour of Japan, which included six title defenses against Japan's best ...Recently, the champ, Ric Flair has been suffering from a pinched nerve in his neck which has caused his arm and fingers to become numb. He only missed one match though, due to injury, with a match with Road Warrior Animal in Chicago. This is one of the very few times Flair has ever missed a date. Throughout the business Flair is looked upon as one of the most dependable in showing for a match...In Japan, on August 20th the fans said 'Sayonara' to Jap star, Animal Hamaguchi, in which was held his final match...Sheik Adnan Alkaissey was fired by A.W.A. booker Wahoo McDaniel, over some financial dispute probably...Pedro Morales is really taking a beating in the W.W.F. now. I've been told that the ex-W.W.F. champion, has been suffering from a bad leg recently. Probably Vince will give him desk job like Tony Garea, Rene Goulet, and Grizzly Smith...Kendall Windham, has looked a lot better, stature and skillwise since he joined Jim Crockett Promotions. Maybe Barry's been teaching his younger brother some new tricks, so he doesn't embarrass him...Dusty Rhodes has been seen wearing a N.Y. Yankee jacket. Could this mean the N.W.A. is going to have wrestling in Madison Square Garden? I doubt it though, unless they get a N.Y. area T.V. contract...Hulk Hogan's Rock 'n' Wrestling cartoon show has been canceled indefinitely. Hooray!...Roddy Piper will be starring a movie entitled "Hell Comes To Frogtown."...Nick Kiniski, has been fired by the W.W.F. and is now wrestling for the American Wrestling Association. Now maybe the kid will be getting some recognition. God, he's a good worker,, a handsome kid, and the girls love him. A big push for this Kiniski kid is very long overdue. Hey, what a perfect wrestler to take Curt Hennig's strap...Buzz Sawyer who is supposedly retired from action has been wrestling very heavily in Japan...Even though wrestling for the W.W.F. Ted DiBiase will still be going to Japan often, and continue to hold the Jap tag belts with Stan Hansen ...Bam Bam Bigelow will also be able to return to Japan on occasion, I've been told...The Clones who are wrestling for Lawler in Tennessee are actually, Pat and Mike Kelly. If you Northeast coast fans remember, they wrestled as fan favorites with red hair and

Ric Flair suffered from a pinched nerve in his neck.



Pedro Morales is having a rough time lately.

beards in independent circuits throughout the Northeast and Canada...Zenk has left the W.W.F. for good, because of the traveling that causes him to be away from his girlfriend. It's a shame, Tom Zenk had a really big future in this sport...Here's something strange. Recently, W.W.F. fall guy, Jerry Allen pinned Ric Rude in the Meadowlands. Silly, silly...Looks like Tommy Rich will probably win the A.W.A. belt from Hennig in early 1988...Ricky Steamboat's wife, Bonnie, gave birth to an 8 lb., 4 ounce baby boy. Congrats!...The Legendary Destroyer (Dick Beyer) has returned to the ring in Japan. Boy, he must be 65, easy...Jimmy Hart and the HonkyTonk Man are recording a record album for release during the Holidays... Montreal wrestlers, Steve Strong and Dan Kroffat are now wrestling in the W.W.F. As to what type of status, I don't know...By the way W.W.F. fall guy, Barry Horowitz is actually Jack Hart, former Florida heavyweight champion...Hulk Hogan will be a guest on Dolly Parton's new variety show soon on ABC-T.V....Here's the figures of what the W.W.F. made in profits last year. They made 100 million dollars in live gate receipts and another 300 million in merchandising...Eddie Sharkey, man who trained the Road Warriors, Bob Backlund and others was indicted on felony charges after an altercation with Wisconsin promoter, Dave Strecker, over some dispute over the 'payday' for Sharkey's Terminators...Les Thorton has just recently opened a wrestling school in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he is competing with the Hart family's school. Some bad blood here. Well that's all for now until next month, the Phantom will be seeking out more sneaky news for all you dedicated fans to read.



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Dear WRESTLING EYE,

To start off, I think your magazine is very revealing and that's the best thing about a magazine. You're brave enough to print the truth and that's what separates your magazine from the others.

The reason I wrote you is simple: The shadows. The WWF now has a tag team called the Shadows. I think the bigger of the two is Don Muraco. Is my guess accurate? If not, who are they?

Thank You
Sean Oliver
W.N.Y., N.J.

Editors Note: Your guess is incorrect. The Shadows are Rex Moondog (Randy Culley) and Jose Luis Rivera.

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

In my opinion, you are one of the most if not the most quality wrestling magazines. Maybe it's because I am the biggest fan of Randy "Macho Man" Savage, and you pay the most attention to him. I see Macho Man in pinups, I see articles on him and I like to the way you relate him to Elizabeth. I'd also like to say something to someone who wrote a letter to WRESTLING EYE. If you're reading, Kenyon Heffner, Randy Savage did wrestle Tito Santana in the cage after Savage won the belt.

From A True Randy Savage and Wrestling Eye Fan,
Mike Oxendine
Watsonville, Ca

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

For the past year and a half, I've been buying all sorts of wrestling magazines and then I saw our bookstore had a new magazine so I bought my first issue of WRESTLING EYE. It was by far the absolute best wrestling magazine I ever saw. The pin ups were great action poses and there were so many of them that I couldn't believe it. Also, I loved the stories that you cover. They were very in depth and all the questions I had were answered.

WRESTLING EYE also contains their own fan club page. Plus your magazine is larger in page numbers. I guess dynamite doesn't come in small packages after all. Thanks for ending my search.

Wilfred Hart
Western Shore,
Nova Scotia

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

I can't wait for Hulk Hogan to lose the title. It gets so boring having the same man hold the title so long. I hope Randy Savage gets it. My favorite wrestlers are Jake Roberts, Bret Hart and Randy Savage. Also, could you have more posters of Jake "the snake" Roberts?

Brook Gatchel
Pacific Beach, Wa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

I read all your magazines, but I'd like to get to the reason why I'm writing this letter. The subject is Ric Flair. I think he is the greatest wrestler ever. If Flair and Luger had teamed in the Crockett Cup they would have breezed through every team.

Flair is the type of wrestler who thinks while he wrestles and if he feels he can't beat his opponent, he gets himself disqualified. That is the reason he has so many fans, you never know what he's going to do next. Fans would rather see Ric Flair wrestle someone like Jimmy Garvin than see him wrestle a blob like Dusty Rhodes. Ric Flair and

the Horsemen are what wrestling is all about. Think about it, if Dusty Rhodes was the world heavyweight champ, and the Four Horsemen never existed, the NWA might be like the WWF—boring. Well, I'm going to close this letter by letting the cat out of the bag to fans of Hulk Hogan, Nikita Koloff and Slick Ric. First Hogan—real name Terry Bollea—age 32. Nikita Koloff—real name Scott Simpson—Hometown—Golden Valley Minnesota—age 26. Ric Flair-Richard Morgan Fliehr—age 36.

Sean Custalow
Richmond, Va

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

I am a big fan of Brutus "the Barber" Beefcake. I think he has great wrestling ability. I love the way he cuts people's hair in the ring. I would just love to see what Beefcake would to do Johnny V. inside a cage. He would probably do some strutting and cutting.

Now, let's talk about your magazine. I think its the best because you cover the stories so well. In the future I would like to see articles on Brutus Beefcake, Ken Patera and Jake "the Snake" Roberts.

Spencer Manuel
Scranton, Pa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

Just wanted to say what a wonderful magazine WRESTLING EYE is. I buy nearly all the wrestling magazines, but I find that WE is the only one that gives us inside information and thats what we really want to hear about. Keep up the good work.

Beverly Michelon
Quennsland, Australia

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

Just wanted to say I agree with Bobby Wilson in your Aug 87 issue. I live in Kansas and we have the Central States Wrestling. Some of today's top stars started out in the Central States. The Midnight Rockers, Sam Houston and Mitch Snow, just to name a few. Marty Janetty wrestled a solo most of the time and held the heavyweight belt for a year. Sam Houston also held the belt. My friends and I miss them but we are glad they made it to the top.

Tonya, DeeDee, Tammie
& Teresa
Topeka, KS

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

I am a new subscriber to your magazine and I enjoy WRESTLING EYE very much. Your coverage of the WWF is adequate. Please print as much as possible on the wrestlers in the WWF. I also enjoyed your story on the best TV wrestling interviewer there ever was—Mean Gene Okerland. His comical exchanges during his interviews with Jesse Ventura, Bobby Heenan and George Steele will go down as being classics in history. Nobody will ever top Gene.

I also appreciate your coverage of the smaller promotions such as the EWA and EWF. But, you're missing another and I consider better smaller promotion based in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan—The World Wrestling Association. It features Dick the Bruiser, The Giant Wojo (champion), Dr. Jerry Graham, Jr. Chris Carter, Calypso Jim and Dennis Cass (tag team champions) and many others who deserve stories in your magazine. This promotion also goes out of their way to perform for charitable events, which some of the others don't. Please give the WWA some coverage. Thanks.

D.R. Hendricks
Mt Blanchard, Ohio

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

One of the most talented grapplers in the WWF is my favorite, Brutus Beefcake. As you all know he turned good at Wrestlemania III when he stormed into the ring and partially shaved the head of "adorable" Adrian Adonis. This is how he got the name "the Barber".

Everytime he steps into the ring, he does his strutting and at the end of the match after he applies his patented sleeper hold on his opponent, he takes his scissors out of his barber jacket and saves his opponent $12.00 by giving him a trim on the sides. Ask Brutus' former manager Johnny V. Go get 'em Beefcake!

Phillip Bruno
NY, NY

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Ones to watch; the Heavy Metal Connection.

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

Last week I attended a spectacular card in Pennsylvania, put on by an independent promotion there. This card reminded me just how exciting independent cards can be.

Besides having top stars such as Bruiser Brody, Abdullah the Butcher and Ox Baker, there was this super tag team called the "Heavy Metal Connection." These guys were two of the best wrestlers I've ever seen. I know I'll definitely be there next month when the "Heavy Metal Connection"' ("Bad-Boy" Ricki Lawless and "Hotshot" Joey Knight) take on the Fantastics. (Tommy Rogers and Bobby Fulton).

Enclosed is a picture of them. Please print it because I think Heavy Metal is here to stay!

Lisa Collett
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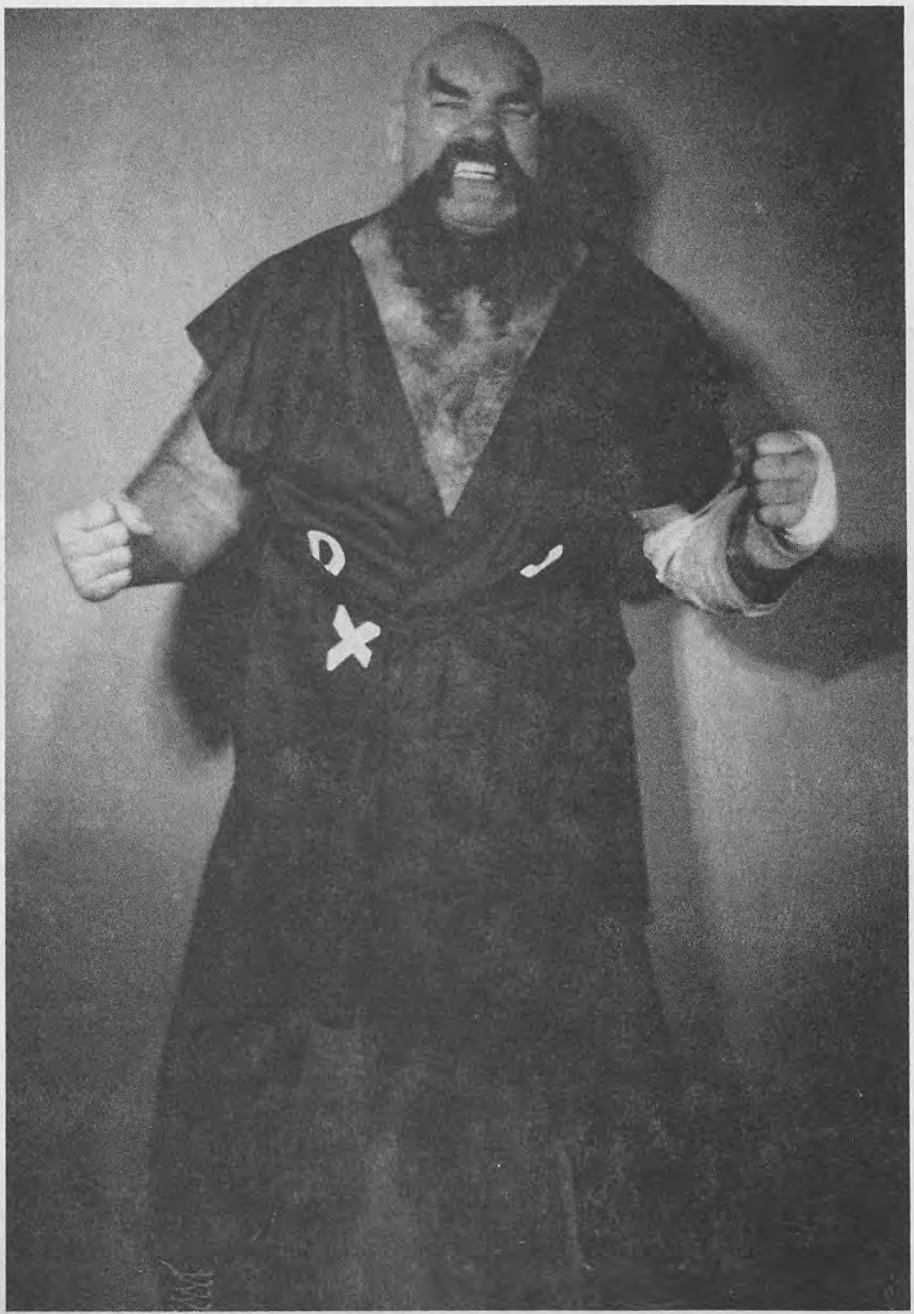


Ox Baker, as devious as ever.

By Tom Clutters

Photos by DeSpirito

When you see him, you know who he is. You know him as well as you do men like Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant. Certainly, over the years, he has been nearly everywhere in the world that people know what wrestling is. The man has seen it all, and done it all.

The man is Ox Baker.

Yes, most wrestling fans recognize Ox Baker as quickly as they recognize the likes of Hogan, Andre, Ric Flair, or any other star of the squared circle. The bald head, the distinctive facial hair, and the menacing manner can belong to no one else.

Has the Ox seen it all? Well, when you consider that he has wrestled in every part of this country, many foreign nations, and has appeared on television and in the movies, and has seen literally hundreds of "mat wonders" come and go throughout the years, there couldn't be too much that Baker has missed.

For the most part, Ox Baker has never really cared for championship belts. In fact, Ox has never stayed in one place long enough to mount a serious challenge to a title holder. Before it was fashionable, he was wrestling's premier "free agent."

"Naw, I never worried about titles. I was happy doing' just what I'm doin' now: goin' into an area and shippin' every pretty boy I can get my hands on," says Baker. "About the time me an' some wimp would be gettin' down to the dirty part, the promoters would tell me to take it easy on their boy. Now I've never went easy on anyone, so I'd just collect my money and move on."

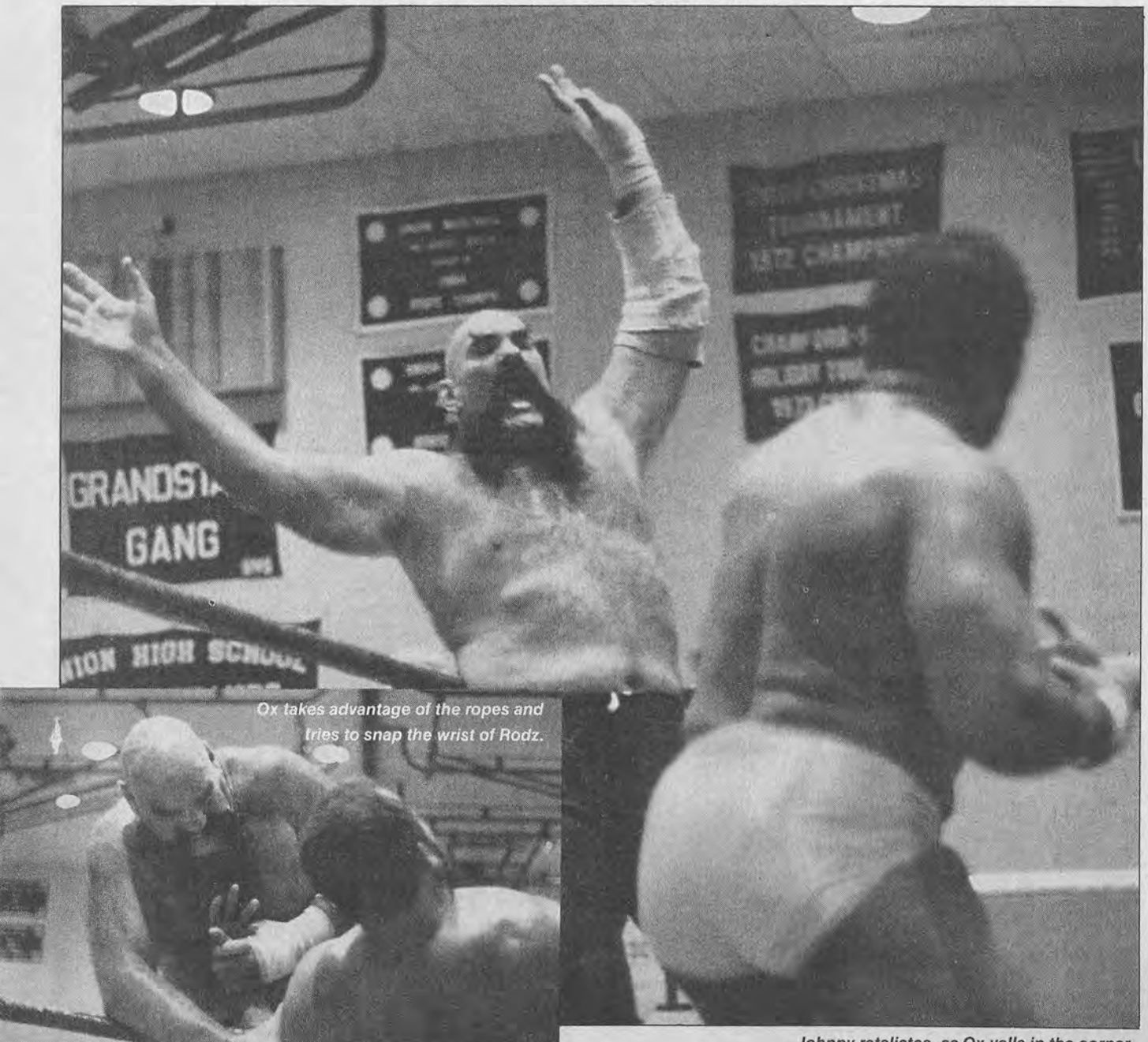
Currently, Ox is making his living working for independent promotions along the East Coast, including the Eastern Wrestling Alliance, where he is ranked eighth, behind such stars as David Shultz, Sgt. Slaughter, the Cheetah Kid, and Ivan Putski. His infamous "heart punch" is still feared by enemies and respected by friends.

"Yeah, the heart punch. I've put many a man down with it," says Ox, fondling his powerful fist. "Me and my old friend here have put away some of the best."

Despite his many years inside the ring, Ox has never catered much to the fans, unlike many other veterans. In fact, men like Ernie Ladd have found themselves in the role of "fan favorite" when pitted against Ox Baker. Baker and Ladd conducted a bloody feud some years ago, and Ox remembers it well. "Ladd and me were partners for a while, then we got into it because he wanted to have it all. He'd let me go in and work over whoever we were wrestlin' at the time, then he'd want to jump in and finish 'em off. Well, it didn't take this ol' boy too long to figure out what was happenin', and when I asked him about it, he got real smart, and we went from there," Ox remembers.

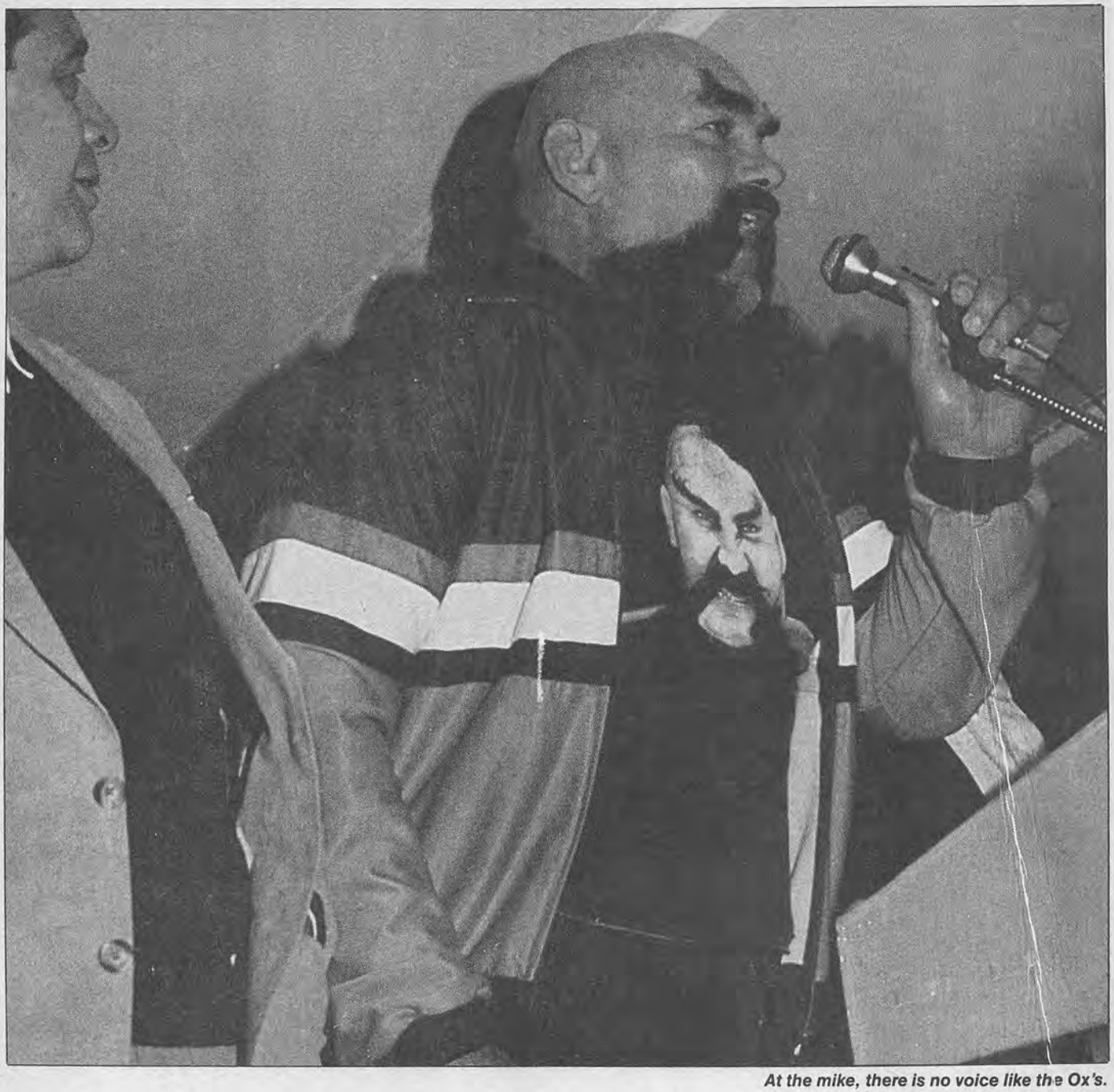
Another of Ox Baker's memorable feuds came against Pedro Morales. The two fought many times throughout the Midwest in the 70s. Morales won a few more of the matchups than Baker did, but not without paying a stiff price. "I busted Morales up pretty good before we got through," Baker said.

Having been his own man for so many years, Ox has never seen much success in tag team wrestling. However, in the early 80s, he and partner Carl Fergie were rated



Ox takes advantage of the ropes and tries to snap the wrist of Rodz.

Johnny retaliates, as Ox yells in the corner.



At the mike, there is no voice like the Ox's.

in some places in the top ten in the world. "Never really liked tag team wrestling," states the Ox. "When you've got a partner, you always have to worry about where he is and what he's gonna do. I don't like to have to worry about anyone but myself and my opponent."

The closest Ox Baker ever came to being a television wrestling star came when he worked out of Atlanta on the old Georgia Championship Wrestling. But, after a while, it was the same old story, and Baker felt the need to go elsewhere.

He did capture the national spotlight during his role in the movie, "Escape from New York," and in another wrestling movie in which he co-starred with Scott Casey. "I enjoyed makin' movies," says Ox with a smile. "If I wanted to, I could probably be a bigger star than Arnold what's-his-name."

Today, Ox Baker is taking it a little slower. He doesn't travel as much as he used to, but it's not because he's not in demand. Promoters from around the world are still interested in the big man, but he prefers to stay in the East, making only the occasional long trip.

Will Ox Baker's unforgettable face ever be seen around the country and around the world again? "Maybe," he says. "I just might take a notion to hit the road again some day. All I have to do is tell Wendall, and he'll arrange it."

Obviously, a man like Ox Baker isn't scared by the quality of competition he is surrounded by. "Look, I've went against 'em all. Yeah, guys like Slaughter, Shultz, Putski and the rest of 'em are tough, but when you've been around the block as many times as I have, you know what you're doin'. This is the bottom line," says Baker, once again holding up his massive fist. "When a man sees my name on a contract, and knows that he'll be facing the heart punch, he'll sure swallow a little harder and think a little longer about it."

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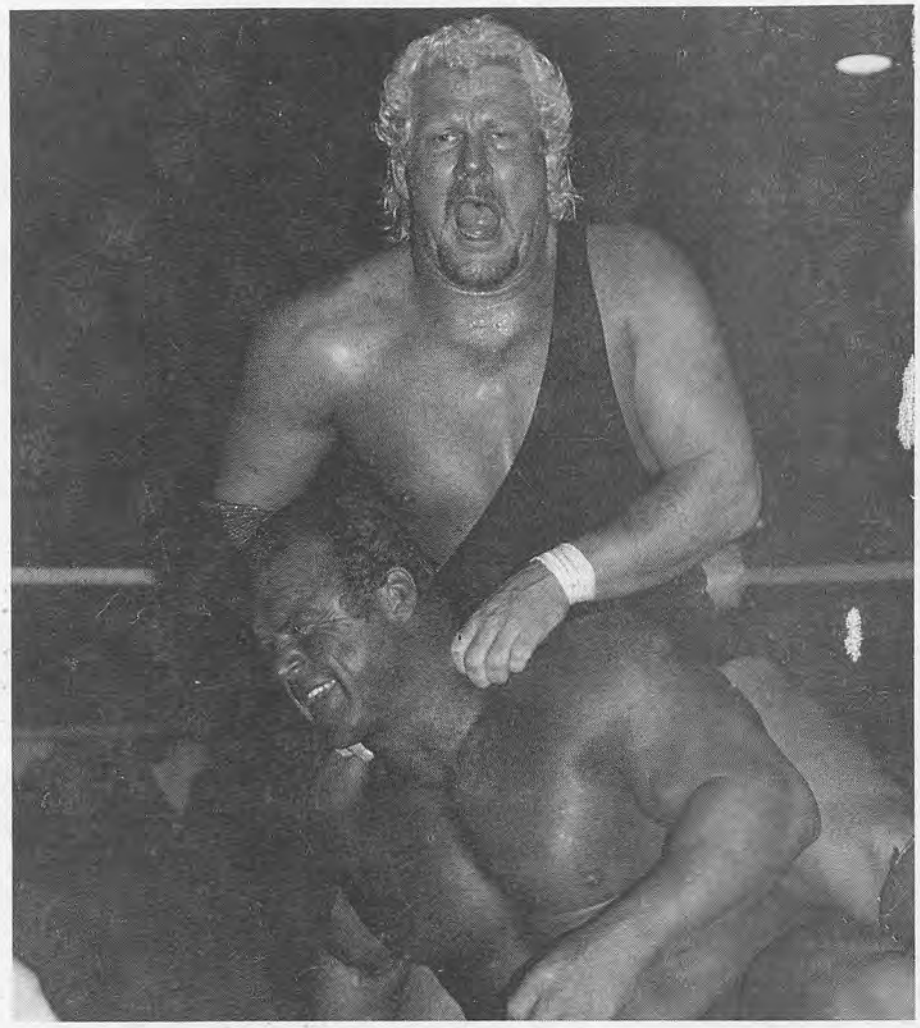


By Carmine DeSpirito

Dr. 'D' David Shultz, a man regarded by wrestling experts as one of the baddest, most feared, and unorthodox grapplers in the sport today, has issued a challenge. A challenge to not just one wrestler but all. A challenge not to just one person but everyone. A challenge to any man or woman to step into the ring with Dr. 'D' David Shultz. Dr. 'D', since his incident with 20/20's John Stossel some two years ago, has felt the brunt of criticisms towards his sport and himself personally, and because of this Dr. 'D' will prove once and for all what type of athletes professional wrestlers really are. They are not "performers" as thought by many of today's critics.

Shultz is a professional. During his career in wrestling he has battled the likes of N.W.A. World Champion Ric Flair, W.W.F. World Champion Hulk Hogan, and the 'Eighth Wonder Of The World', seven foot four, five hundred pound, Andre the Giant to name a few. David has stated on many occasions that no wrestler has ever proved to be superior to him. "Sure I've lost matches but in the past three years I've never been pinned or submitted. Those losses just proves that the better man on that given night won," Shultz stated. "I love my chosen profession. I love to beat people up. So, with both statements in mind, I'm going to risk my life and my career and place an open challenge to anyone and everyone in the entire world who thinks they can defeat me. I'm challenging Hulk Hogan, Ric Flair, Sugar Ray Leonard, Chuck Norris, Bill "Superfoot" Wallace, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Laurence Taylor, Jim McMahon, Mr. T, Arnold Swarzennegger, Leon Spinks, Jeff Blatnick, anyone. Everyone and anyone, in the entire world that is curious what it's like to be in the ring with a pro wrestler will get his or her chance on January 3rd, 1988, at a yet to be determined site."

"This is no fooling around. This is no joke. This is not a publicity stunt. This is for real," Shultz says. "Anyone who is qualified of being in good physical and mental health is eligible to step into the ring with me, Dr. 'D'. I don't care who they

are, I don't care how strong they are, I don't care if they're football players, baseball players, boxers, wrestlers, postmen, garbage men, policemen, whatever I don't care. On January 3rd, I will face ten men or women one at a time, one on one, in matches with a three minute time limit."

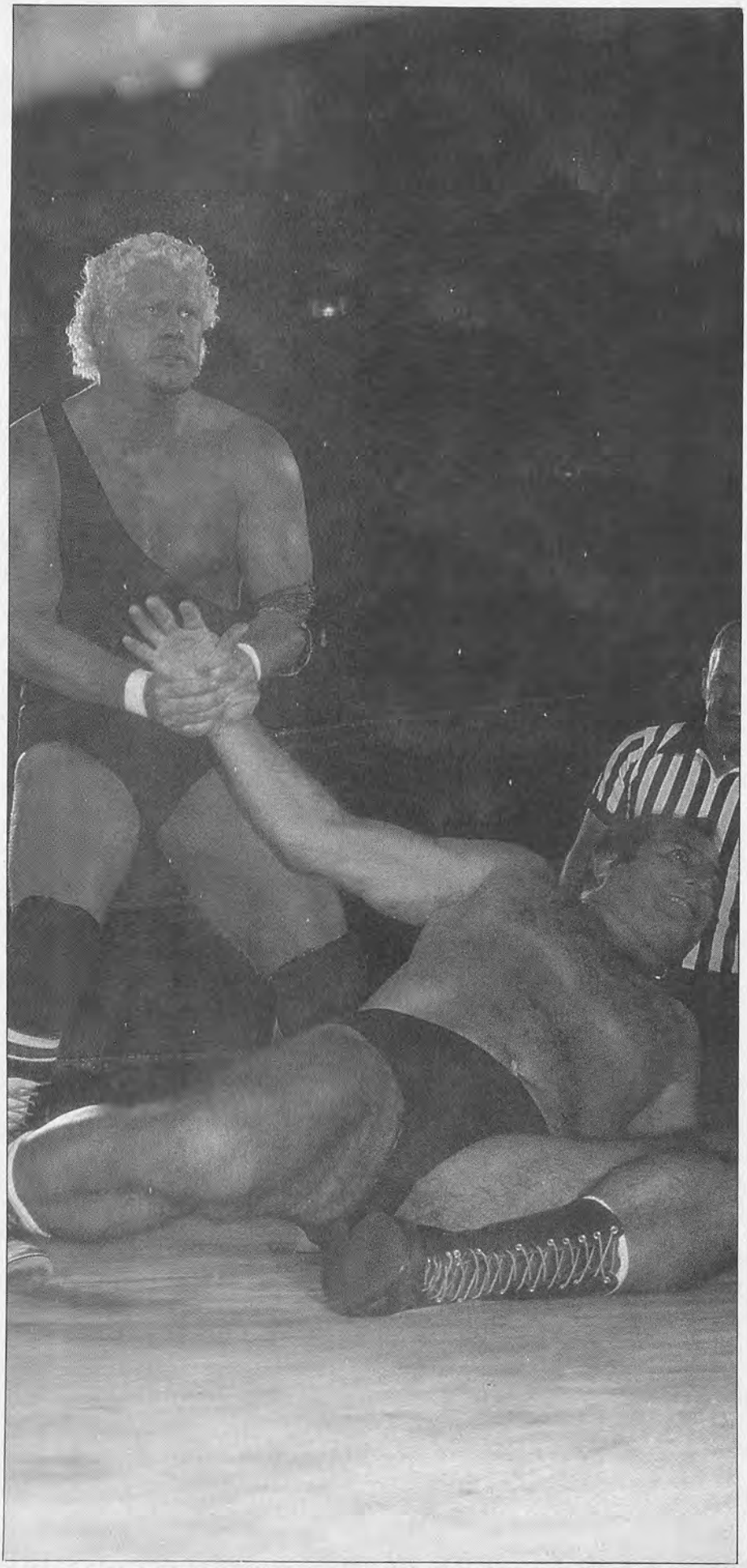
The first qualified people will be chosen and notified by mail, by December 7th, 1987. Another five alternates will be notified by mail for participants not able to attend. You may contact David Shultz by writing to him at P.O. Box 3965, New Haven, Conn. 06525.

On the date of January 3rd, each person who attends to meet David Shultz, will sign a waiver stating that David Shultz and his opponent are not responsible for physical abuse or damage sustained to either one of the combatants during the contest.

"This is going to be an all out brawl," Shultz has stated. "No playing, no fooling. Each waiver will state that neither of the parties are responsible for physical damage to either themselves or their opponent. It must be understood that this is a life and death situation. Both contestants will be risking their life during the contest, which will all be stipulated in the waiver. The contestants, the referee, and WRESTLING EYE Magazine are not responsible for damages to either of the contestants."

The rules are as follows—

1. Both contestants must be in good health. To be eligible to wrestle David Shultz, you must show a doctor's certificate and an E.K.G.
2. The person who faces Dr. 'D' David Shultz must be 21 years of age or older.
3. The result of the match will be determined by a pin or a submission. Disqualifications, and countouts do not count. This match will be a no disqualification, no countout match.
4. A doctor may not stop the contest for any reason.
5. No foreign objects of any kind are permitted.
6. Proper attire is required, no street clothes. This is a wrestling match!



David places one opponent in pain with simple arm bar. Would you like to be on the receiving end?

Shultz though can't be that bad; here he poses with Wendi Richter. But Shultz says, "If Wendi thinks she's tough enough to get into the ring with a man almost three times her size, she's more than welcome to step into the ring with me."

With a chair in hand, David's ready to do more damage on an opponent.

In view of the event an impartial referee will be assigned by the prestigious New England Wrestling Association to maintain order.

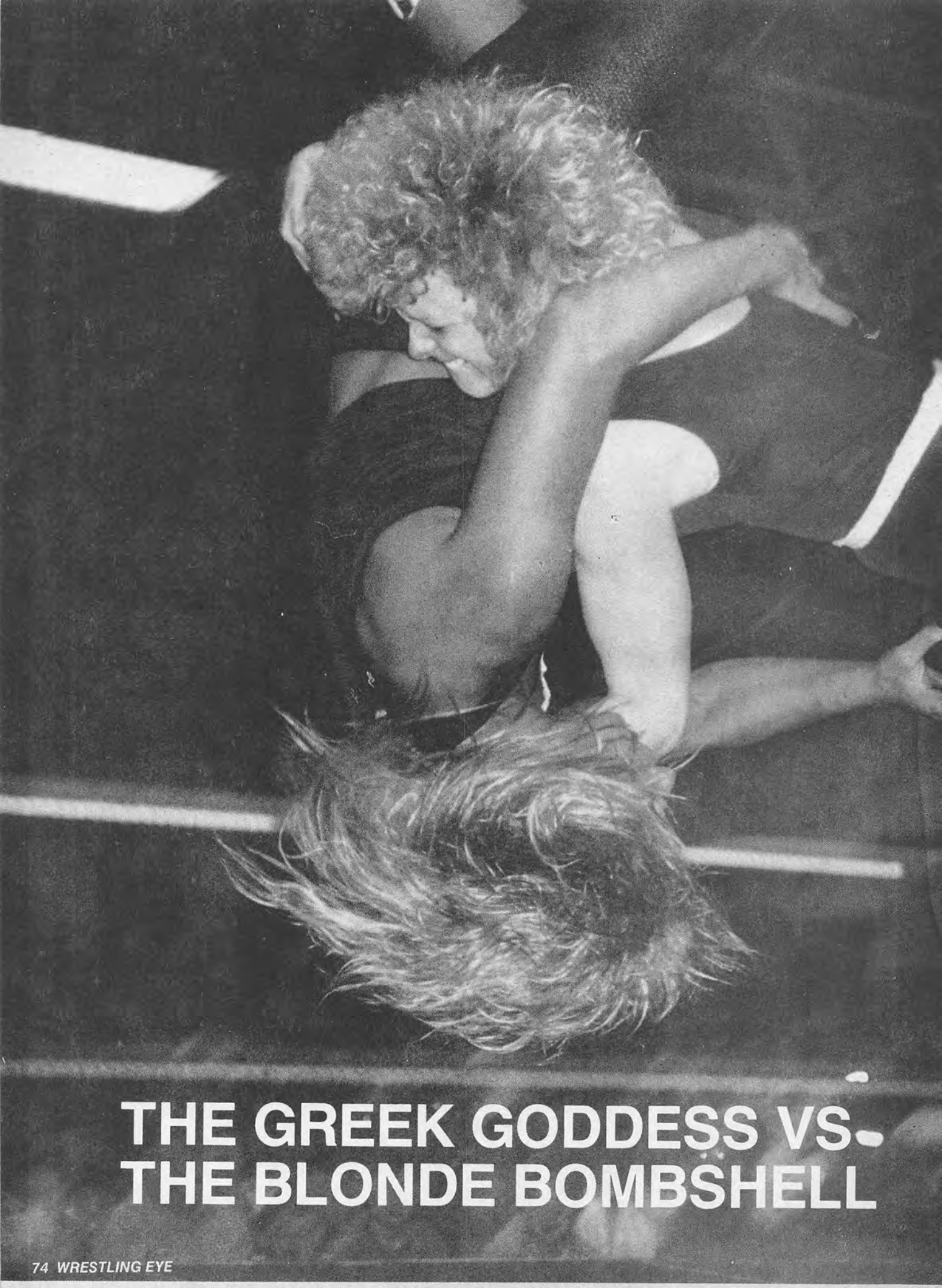
A group of paramedics, a physician, and an ambulance will be on hand for any injuries sustained. Police will also be in attendance to insure security.

Shultz had this to say when asked about the event, "If you think you're a tough guy, if you think you can whip anybody's butt, if you think wrestling's fake and you think David Shultz is fake, if you think David Shultz is fooling around, playing games or lying about this challenge then just write me and ask me for yourself. This is a once in a lifetime chance to see how tough you really are. Don't live through your life being a wimp, not backing up what you say. Start the new year of 1988 off right and wrestle Dr. 'D'. If you defeat me, you'll hold the distinction of being the only person in three years to defeat David Shultz by a pin or a submission."

Before you call or write David, here's some background on him—

1. David served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict.
2. David has been a pro wrestler for the past fourteen years.
3. David has also in his early years done some amateur boxing.
4. David has been barred and banned by such wrestling organizations as the American Wrestling Association, Mid Southern Wrestling Association, World Wrestling Federation, Canada and Japan. David has also been banned from wrestling in such states as California, Maryland, and New York.
5. David Shultz is free of drugs. David does not take steroids, cocaine, marijuana, anything.
6. David Shultz does not smoke or drink alcohol.

Shultz had this final comment, "So if you brag to everyone how tough you are, then prove it. If you can defeat me by a pin or a submission you'll be the first person in three years to defeat Dr. 'D'. But remember I'm 100% for real."



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BY MICHAEL C. NELSON

Madusa Micell

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear WRESTLING EYE,

Hulkamania rules! That's right, Hulk Hogan is the only *real* world's heavyweight champion. Ric Flair's drools and Curt Hennig's a fool. These Mickey Mouse champs would never have the intestinal fortitude, the guts, the nerve or the backbone to step into the ring with the mighty Hulk. If they did, the bad Hulkster would dispose of that glorified prelim bum Curt Hennig in about two minutes, and he'd crush the goofy mannequin kissing Nature Boy in about five. Hulk always fights the really *bad* dudes in wrestling and he kicks their butt! How about Andre? The incredible one did only what he could do: slammed the 550 pound giant and pinned his shoulders to the mat. How about guys like King Kong Bundy, Randy Savage, One Man Gang, Mr. Wonderful, Roddy Piper, Kamala and the giant John Studd? Hulk put 'em away and that only scratches the surface of the major tough guys that he fought. If Flair or Hennig had to face big time competition like Hogan has, they would be pushing a broom somewhere and be out of rasslin' for good. Yeah, the force is the Hulkster and he's gonna hold that WWF heavyweight gold for as long as he wants to!

Brian Lavely
Portage, Pa

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

I would like to commend the WRESTLING EYE on its recent article on Jamie West of the United States Wrestling Federation. Having been an avid wrestling fan for many years now, I have followed many of the local and national organizations. I have been most impressed by Jamie and the organization that she wrestles under, the U.S.W.F.

My children and I watch her weekly and have seen her defend her title against many different women. She's a talented wrestler, attractive and graceful in the ring to boot and from a woman's point of view I feel she has done a lot to elevate the outlook on women in wrestling. It's good to see a woman with courage enough to face anyone who comes her way as it seems Jamie does.

I have found WRESTLING EYE to be the most informative magazine on the stands today and your ability to recognize the Boston area talent shows you are greatly aware of your responsibilities to being the best to wrestling fans everywhere! I hope to see more on the U.S.W.F. in the future, including their handsome and talented heavyweight champion, Superstar Richard Byrne.

Robyn Ryan
Andover, Mass

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

We are loyal readers of WRESTLING EYE. Your magazine is the best written magazine today. We would appreciate if you publish more articles and pin ups on our favorite wrestlers: Barry Windham and the Rock 'n Roll Express. We can never see enough of them. We want to tell them to keep up the good work! We love you!

Audrey Wylie &
Denise Candelaria
Albuquerque, N.M.

Dear WRESTLING EYE,

I am a very big fan of the Hart Foundation. I think Bret " the Hitman" Hart is the most gorgeous, sexiest, talented person in professional wrestling today. I would like to see a lot of him in your magazine. I would also like to say that if Steve Smith of Downington, Pa is reading this, I thought that your Rasslin' Rap was just great. I really enjoyed reading it. The WWF is my favorite foundation.

Melissa
Sidney, Ohio

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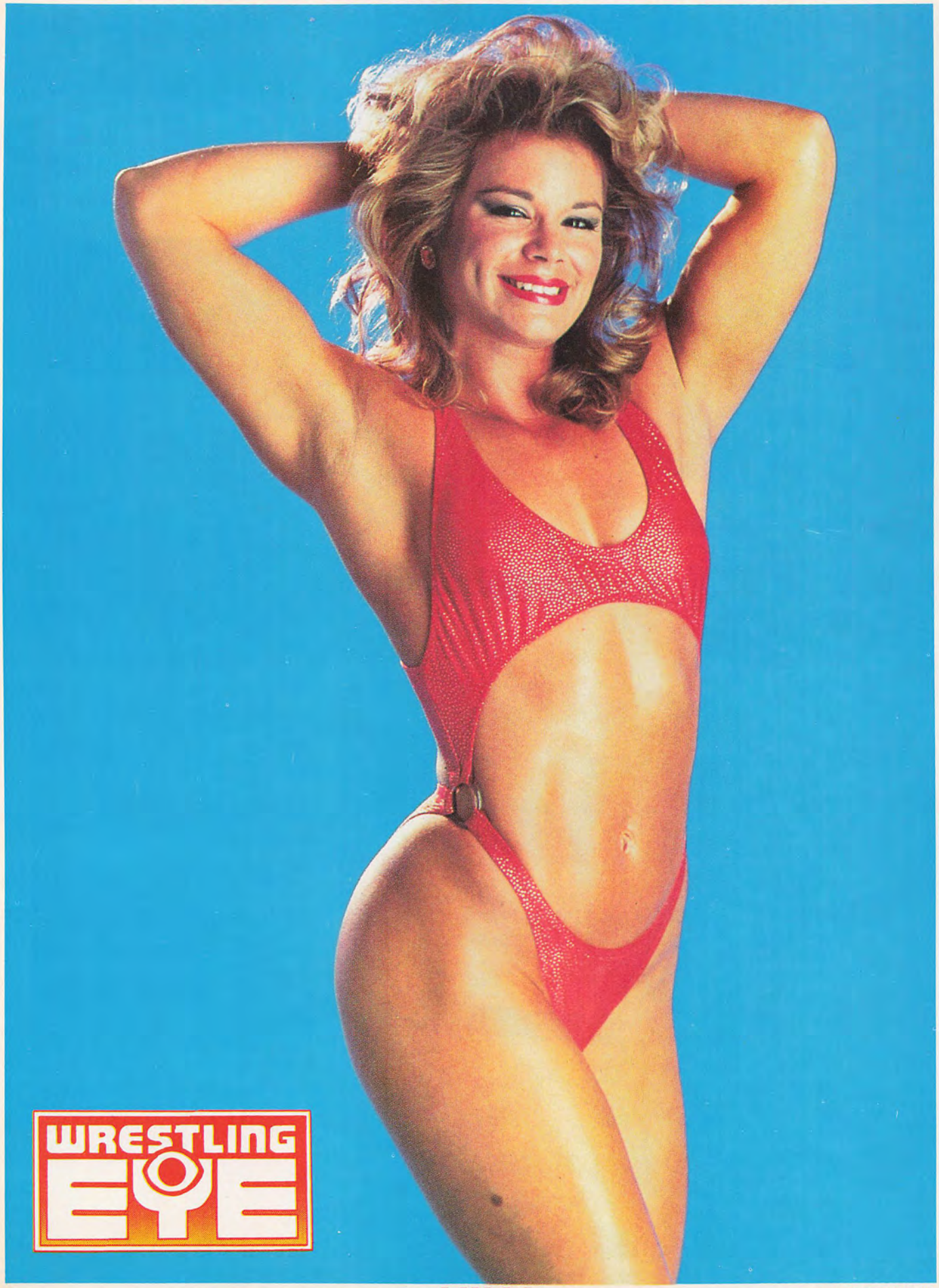

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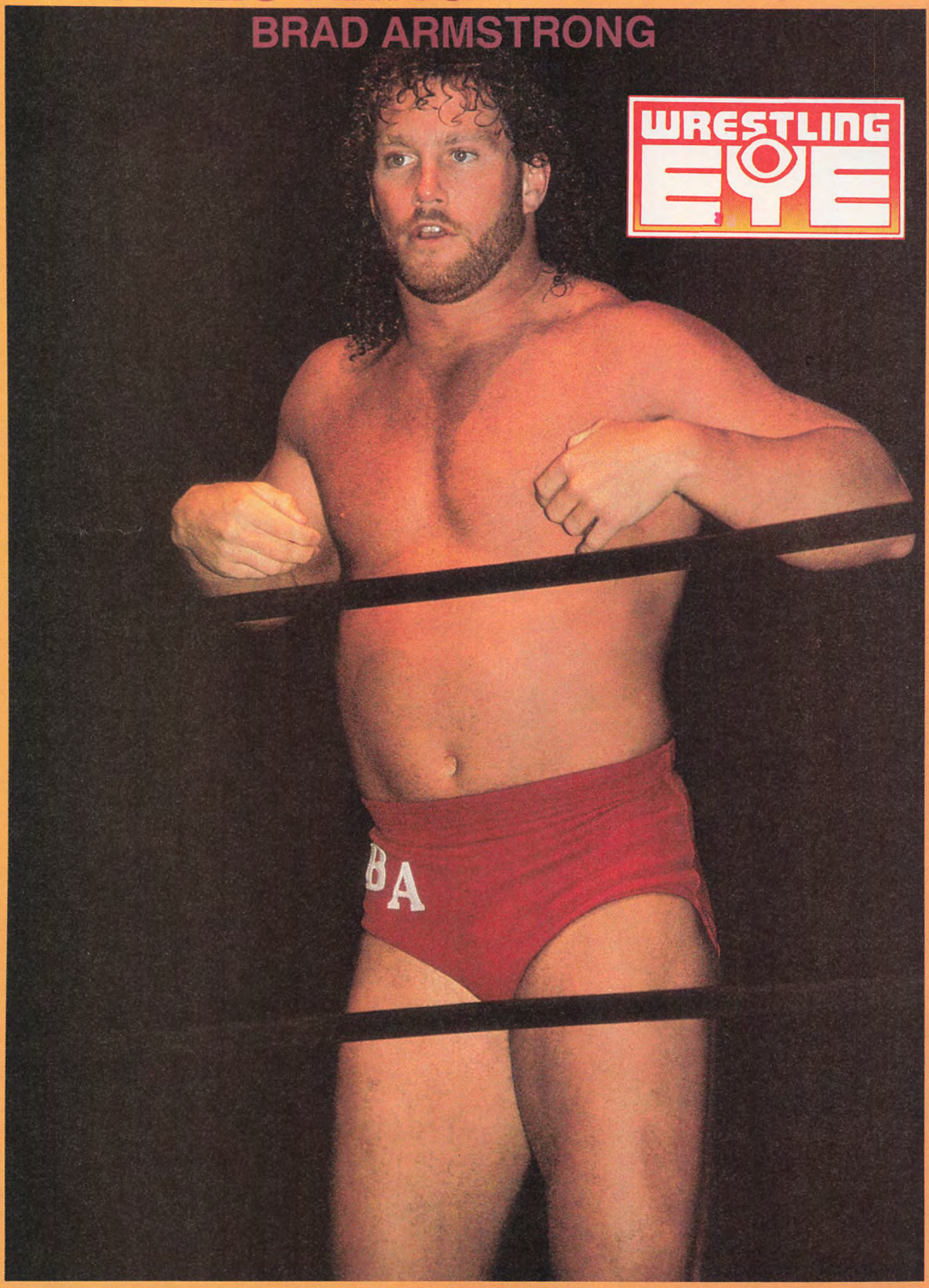

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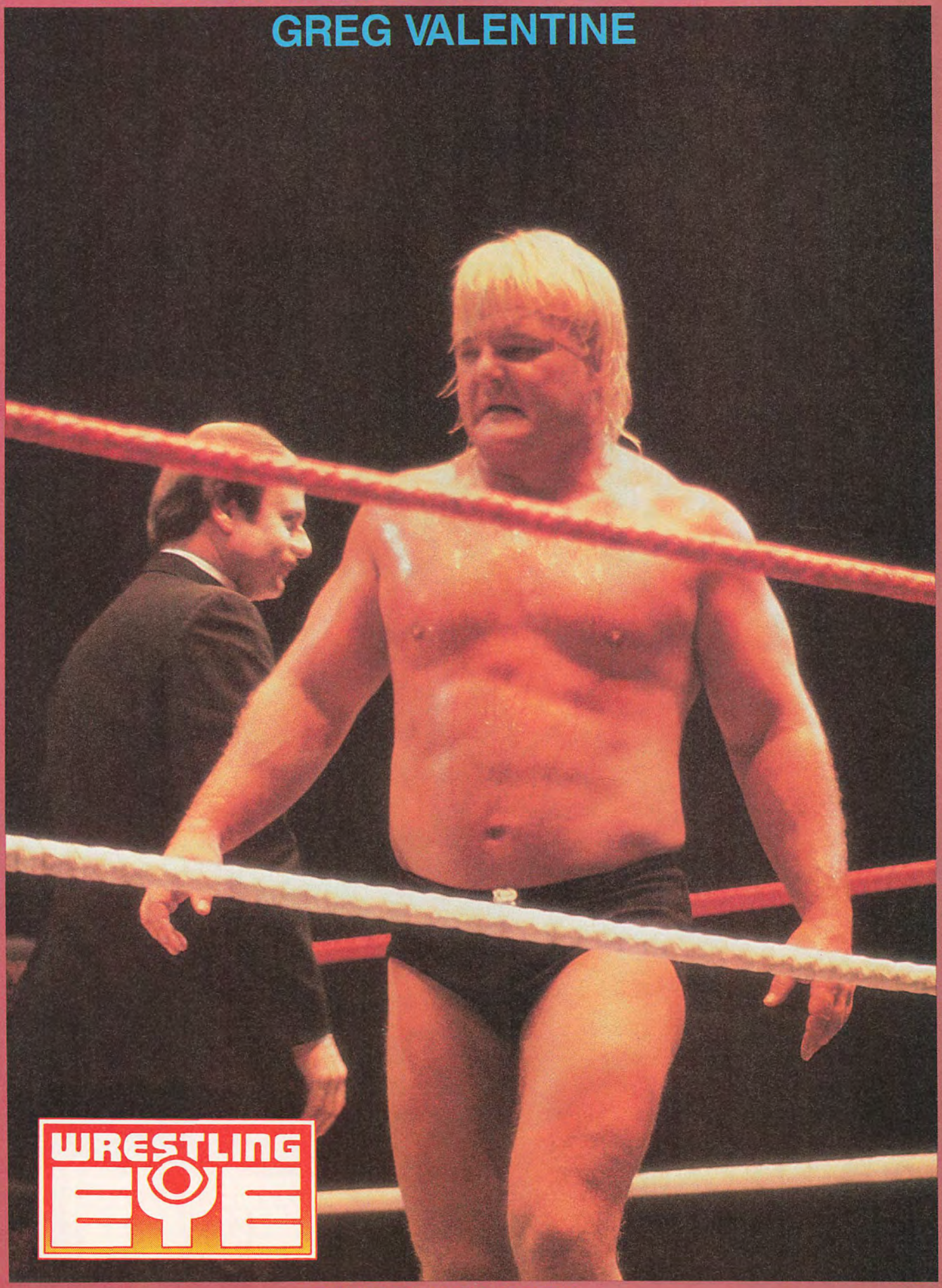

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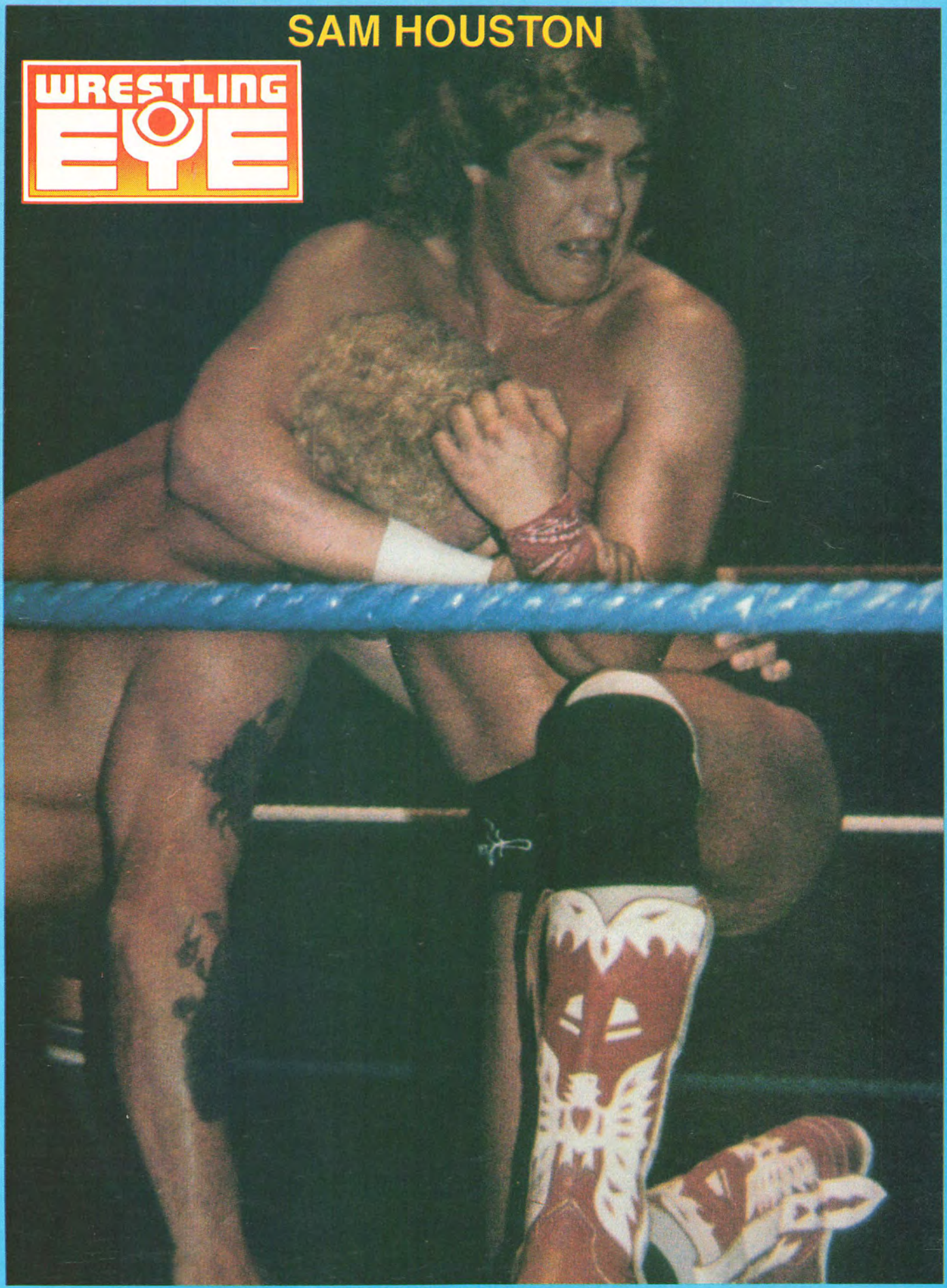

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